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## BOMB EXPLOSION IN JAPANESE OFFICE

### MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA PREMISES DAMAGED

#### INFERNAL MACHINE

#### CHINESE PEDESTRIANS KILLED AND WOUNDED.

(Reuter's Pacific Service.)

Shanghai, To-day.

At eight o'clock this morning, the Central District of the Settlement was startled by a terrific explosion which occurred in the door-way of the Szechuen Road Offices of Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, shattering all windows and blowing in the entrance. Parts of the door were blown through the hall and out of the building's back-door.

All the windows of the Chinese Telegraph Administration Offices, on the opposite side of the street were also shattered. There were several Chinese pedestrians in the street at the time, one of whom was killed and four injured. The street is simply littered with glass.

It is believed that an infernal machine had been placed in the door-way with a time fuse.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, To-day.

Casualties would have been much heavier, if the explosion had occurred later in the morning, when people started going to their offices.

It is surmised it was a possible attempt on the life of Mr. Fukushima, head of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha and a member of the Municipal Council.

#### SWATOW HARBOUR.

Messrs. Gilman & Co., Ltd., are in receipt of the following information from Messrs. Bradley & Co., Ltd., Swatow:—

"On representation made to the local Chinese Military authorities by the British Consul, ships are now allowed to leave Swatow harbour until 6.30 p.m. and not 5 p.m. as heretofore."

## THE COUNCIL'S NOTE

### STOP PRESS

#### PEACE MEETING IN PROGRESS.

Shanghai, To-day.

The Japanese ultimatum demanding the withdrawal of the Chinese 19th Army has not been presented.

A meeting is now going on in a private house in the French Concession between Chinese and Japanese delegates. This is the first time that the disputants have been brought together since the Truce meetings at the British Consulate two weeks ago.

This gives colour to the hope, prevailing on all sides, that the forces of reason may yet prevail, and that a compromise may be effected to enable an eleventh hour escape from the impending destruction of major hostilities, which may have had consequences that none to-day can foresee.

The present parley is being attended only by Chinese and Japanese Ministers. No representatives of the foreign powers are at present attending.—R.P.S.

### FINAL DRAMATIC APPEAL.

#### Japan's Great Obligations.

London, Yesterday.

The text of the Council's Note to Japan was circulated by Sir John Simon in the House of Commons to-night.

The Note, inter-alia, says that no permanent solution can be achieved by force, whether military or merely economic. The longer the present situation continues, the wider will grow the breach between China and Japan, and the more difficult will it become to find a solution.

The Note also points out that since the Commission was appointed there had occurred events in Shanghai which had intensified world-wide public anxiety.

The Note makes a final dramatic appeal in the following words: "Japan has incalculable responsibility before world public opinion to be just and restrained in her relations with China." The twelve members of the Council appeal to Japan's high sense of honour to recognise the obligations of her special position and the confidence which the nations have placed in her as a partner in an organisation for the maintenance of peace.—Reuter.

## FAR EAST SITUATION.

### Questions Asked in the House.

#### SIR JOHN SIMON'S REPLIES.

London, Yesterday.

The dropping of bombs by Japanese on a factory in the International Settlement in Shanghai on February 11 was the subject of a question in the House of Commons to-day. Mr. Wallhead asked, whether the Foreign Minister was taking any steps to protest against this breach of international law and prevent its recurrence. Sir John Simon in reply quoted the Japanese Admiral's reply to the United States' Consul-General about it, and added that no action by His Majesty's Government, therefore, was required.

Mr. Wallhead also drew the attention of Sir John to Mr. Hope Simpson's protest against the bombing of the flood relief camp, and asked whether His Majesty's Government intended to protest to the Japanese Government concerning the incident.

Sir John Simon replied that Mr. Hope Simpson's telegram had been received by the League authorities in Geneva on Saturday and would, of course, be dealt with by them.—Reuter.

## DEATH OF BRITISH BLUEJACKETS.

### Victims of Chinese Shells.

Able Seaman H. G. Prior of Portsmouth, and Able Seaman H. H. Francis, of Chatham, both of H.M.S. "Suffolk," who were seriously wounded in Shanghai, yesterday, when a shell fell and exploded on Hongkew Wharf, died later the same day, according to Reuter and other messages received in the Colony.

### FIRST OF MANY SIMILAR INCIDENTS.

U.S. Opinion.

Washington, Yesterday.

The killing of two British blue jackets in Shanghai has intensified anxiety in official circles, where the incident is regarded as the first of many likely to arise from the continued heavy fighting.—Reuter's Service.

### DECEASED TERRIBLY WOUNDED.

#### Foreign Community Distressed.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, To-day. Later details of the death of the two British bluejackets reveal that they were literally torn to pieces by innumerable explosive splinters when assisting Chinese refugees aboard the Jardine steamer Sulwo.

The sailors were standing talking and Seaman Francis, aged nineteen only, was laughing at some pleasantry from his mate, when a terrific explosion threw both men some feet and knocked a dozen Chinese down. One member of a party of refugees was instantly killed and six were wounded.

The sailors made a stern and heroic fight against death. The whole Foreign community is distressed.

#### PEACE EFFORTS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, To-day. Eleventh hour efforts are being continued to avert the Chinese and Japanese going to war.

## THROUGH "MORNING POST'S" EYES.

### Leader for Benefit of Militant Socialists and Pacifists.

#### ALSO CHINA AND JAPAN.

London, Yesterday.

The "Morning Post" in an editorial expresses the opinion, that it is vain to expect the League of Nations to secure to settlement of the Far East situation, where Britain, the United States and France have failed.

The article stresses the League's argument that no permanent solution can be achieved by force, military or economic, for the benefit of "militant socialists and pacifists who are clamouring for an economic boycott of Japan."

The article trusts also, that these words will be digested by the Chinese, who appear to be "hooyed up by false hopes of a League of Nations with the navies of the world behind it," and concludes by saying, that Japan stands for good Government in the Far East against anarchy and disorder, which, although now directed mainly against her, are equally dangerous to the interests of every civilised nation.—Reuter.

### Japan Stands Condemned, Says "Daily Herald."

London, Yesterday.

The "Daily Herald" in an editorial regards the fact that the League's Note has been addressed solely to Japan as an implicit condemnation of Japan, and urges the immediate enforcement of Article XVI of the Covenant, if Japan fails to honour her pledges.

"Daily Telegraph" Has Doubts.

The "Daily Telegraph" doubts whether the League Council should allow China's appeal for a League Assembly "for the Powers that will make the fiercest of speeches will be those whose interests are most negligible."—Reuter.

### GANDHI'S ENGLISH WOMAN DISCIPLINE ARRESTED.

Bombay, Yesterday.

Miss Slade has been arrested.—Reuter. [Miss Slade, of course, is the English woman disciple of Gandhi.]

## AN APPEAL TO BRITISH MINERS.

### From Chinese Eastern Railway Discharged Employees.

#### UNFAIR TREATMENT.

Harbin, Yesterday.

The discharged Chinese and Russian employees of the Chinese Eastern Railway have appealed for help to the British Miners' Federation, recalling that during the Coal Strike in Britain the Soviet workers allotted to the British miners part of their wages.

The appeal says that, after the conflict in 1929, 6,000 of the employees of the Chinese Eastern Railway were discharged at the instigation of the Soviet, since when they have tried vainly to obtain a refund of their savings from the Railway Savings Department.

It goes on:—"Miners of England, when you were fighting for your interests the Soviet railway workers allotted you a part of their salaries during a period of six months. Now the time has arrived for you to help us. We do not want money, but we ask you to inform the Soviets, who call themselves defenders of the proletariat that they are, more than any others, unfairly treating their former employees.—Reuter's Pacific Service.

## NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL.

### Discusses Sino-Japanese Relations.

#### FORECASTS.

London, Yesterday.

Sino-Japanese relations were discussed by the National Peace Council this evening. Sir Frederick Whyte, who was to have addressed the meeting, was unable to attend on account of illness, but his notes were read by the Chairman.

Sir Frederick Whyte emphasised, that it behoved the rest of the world to make sure that Japanese action was not permitted to prejudice Chinese sovereignty or close the "open door" in the face of other nations.

Professor Arnold Toynbee forecasted a long war of attrition, in which the Japanese would win sensational victories, but finally exhaust themselves and have to get out.—Reuter.

## BRITONS SELLING THEIR FALSE TEETH

### AN UNPRECEDENTED "GOLD RUSH"

#### BULLION BROKERS AND DEALERS HAVING A BUSY TIME.

#### 27/6 FOR SOVEREIGNS

(Reuter's Special Service.)

London, Yesterday.

Britain's "Gold Rush" is now reaching unprecedented proportions. Bullion brokers and dealers are working overtime in order to deal with the flow of gold watches, chains, brooches, bracelets, spectacle frames, and false teeth into their offices, following a rise in the price of gold.

The Press is featuring full-page advertisements inviting people to sell their gold and offering twenty-seven and six for sovereigns.

One firm alone has bought ten thousand sovereigns in addition to a thousand pounds worth of old gold in a single day, and the pressure of work is so great that two members of their staff have been working full-time counting nothing but sovereigns.

## FULL TEXT OF THE COUNCIL'S NOTE

### NO PERMANENT SOLUTION BY ANY KIND OF FORCE

#### APPEAL TO JAPAN

#### DISPUTE CAN BE SETTLED BY PEACEFUL MEANS.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Far Eastern situation was the subject of several questions addressed to the Foreign Secretary in the House of Commons to-day.

Replying to Mr. George Lansbury, Opposition Leader, Sir John Simon said, that the League Council, other than Chinese and Japanese representatives, had addressed a Note in the nature of an appeal to Japan in the following terms:—

"As the President of the Council, on behalf of his colleagues, there have occurred, and still are occurring, events at Shanghai, which have intensified public anxiety, throughout the world, and which endanger the lives and interests of nationals of numerous countries, and add to the unexampled difficulties with which the whole world is faced in the present crisis, and threaten to throw new and serious obstacles in the path of the Disarmament Conference."

The twelve members of the Council are far from disregarding the grievances advanced by Japan, and, throughout all these months, have given her the full confidence which they owed to an associate of long standing, who ever has been punctilious in the fulfilment of all her obligations and duties as a member of the Community of Nations.

They cannot but regret, however, that she has not found it possible to make full use of the methods of peaceful settlement provided in the Covenant, and recall, once again, the solemn undertaking of the Pact of Paris, that a solution of international disputes shall never be sought by other than peaceful means.

The situation, which has developed in the Far East, during the past months, will be fully studied by the Commission appointed, with the consent of both parties. But, they cannot but recognise that in the conflict, which is taking place

## LEAGUE ASSEMBLY

### JAPAN RAISES OBJECTIONS.

#### Illegality of China's Application.

Geneva, Yesterday.

The Japanese delegation has raised a legal point, in connection with the Chinese application for a special meeting of the League Assembly, claiming that Dr. Yen's letter is not a definite request.

The League's Council of twelve are to meet this afternoon to consider the objection.

Japan also has raised two objections to the convocation of a special meeting of the Assembly in accordance with the Chinese application.

Firstly, it is urged, that such convocation is illegal, because the Chinese application is conditional.

Secondly, Japan has not agreed that the question should be dealt with under Article XV.

The Council of twelve, is of opinion that, in principle, the Japanese objections are inadmissible, but the President of the Council has been authorised to consult legal experts and draw up a reply which will be considered at a fresh meeting to be held to-morrow.—Reuter.

on her territory, that China has put her case in the hands of the League and agreed to accept its proposals for peaceful settlement.

The twelve members of the Council recall the terms of Article X of the Covenant by which all members of the League have undertaken to respect and preserve the

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#### DRIZZLE OR MIST.

The Royal Observatory's report issued this morning states:—

The anticyclone central over N.E. China is moving Eastward.

Forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh; generally overcast, drizzle or mist.

Rainfall for 24 hours, ended at 10 a.m. to-day: 0.01 inch. Total since January 1—1.78 inches against an average of 2.47 inches—deficit .69 inch.

Temperature.	
Hong Kong	54
Macao	52
Pratas Island	65
Manila	72
Poohow	50
Amoy	57
Shanghai	50







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## TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will  
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Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W.  
on a wavelength of 355 metres  
(845 K.C.'s):—

5-8 p.m.—European Programme.  
5-5.31 p.m.—Band Selections.  
Gladiator's Farewell (Blankenburg).  
Bells of Saint Malo (Rimmer).  
National Military Band  
(V-13).

The Yellow and Blue (Gayley-Balfe).  
The Victors (Elbel).  
University of Michigan Band  
(1931).

On the Campus (Goldman).  
On the Go (Goldman).  
The Goldman Band (19763).  
The Day (Hall).  
Arthur Pryor's Band (19895).

5.31-6.01 p.m.—Children's Con-  
cert from the Studio.  
6.01-6.30 p.m.—Operatic.  
Walkure-Ride of the Valkyries  
(Wagner).  
Rheingold-Prelude (Wagner).  
Symphony Orchestra con-  
ducted by Albert  
Coates (9163).

Trovatore—Anvil Chorus (Verdi).  
Arthur Pryor's Band (19879).  
The Twilight of the Gods—Siegfried's  
Journey to the Rhine (Wagner).  
Symphony Orchestra con-  
ducted by Albert  
Coates (9007).

Don Juan—Overture (Mozart).  
Concert Orchestra conducted  
by Clemens Schmalstich  
(V-29).

6.30-7.18 p.m.—Variety.  
Comic Duet—  
Down by the Gas House,  
Aileen Stanley and Billy  
Murray

Comic Duet—  
I Ato the Boloney!  
Billy Murray and Monroe  
Silver (20096).

Orchestral—  
The Merry Widow—Waltz.  
Kashmiri Song—Matinata.  
The Troubadours (19532).

Song—  
When You and I Were Young.  
Maggie  
Silver Threads Among the Gold  
Henry Burr and Peerless  
Quartet (19112).

Vocal Quartet—  
Will You Love Me in December as  
You Do in May?  
Sweet Rosie O'Grady.  
Shannon Quartet (20072).

Orchestral—  
I Must Have That Man.  
Baudanna Babes.  
Duke Ellington & His Cotton  
Club Orchestra (V-38007).

Chorus—  
Just Around the Corner,  
The Revellers.  
Song—  
Behind the Clouds.  
Gene Austin, Tenor (19663).

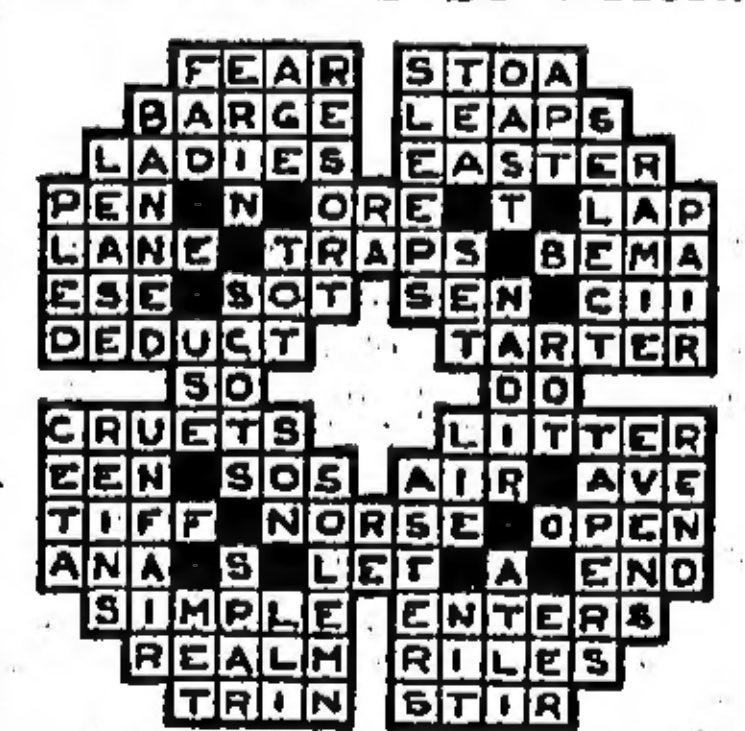
7.18-8 p.m.—Orchestral.  
March of the Caucasian Chief  
(Ippolitow-Iwanow).  
Dance Orientale (Glazounov).  
Philadelphia Symphony  
Orchestra (1935).

Rienzi—Overture (Wagner).  
Philadelphia Symphony  
Orchestra (6824-5).  
Oh Vermeiland, Thou Lovely  
(Old Folk Melody).  
Victor String Ensemble.  
The Music Box (Ladlow).  
Victor Woodwind Ensemble  
(19293).

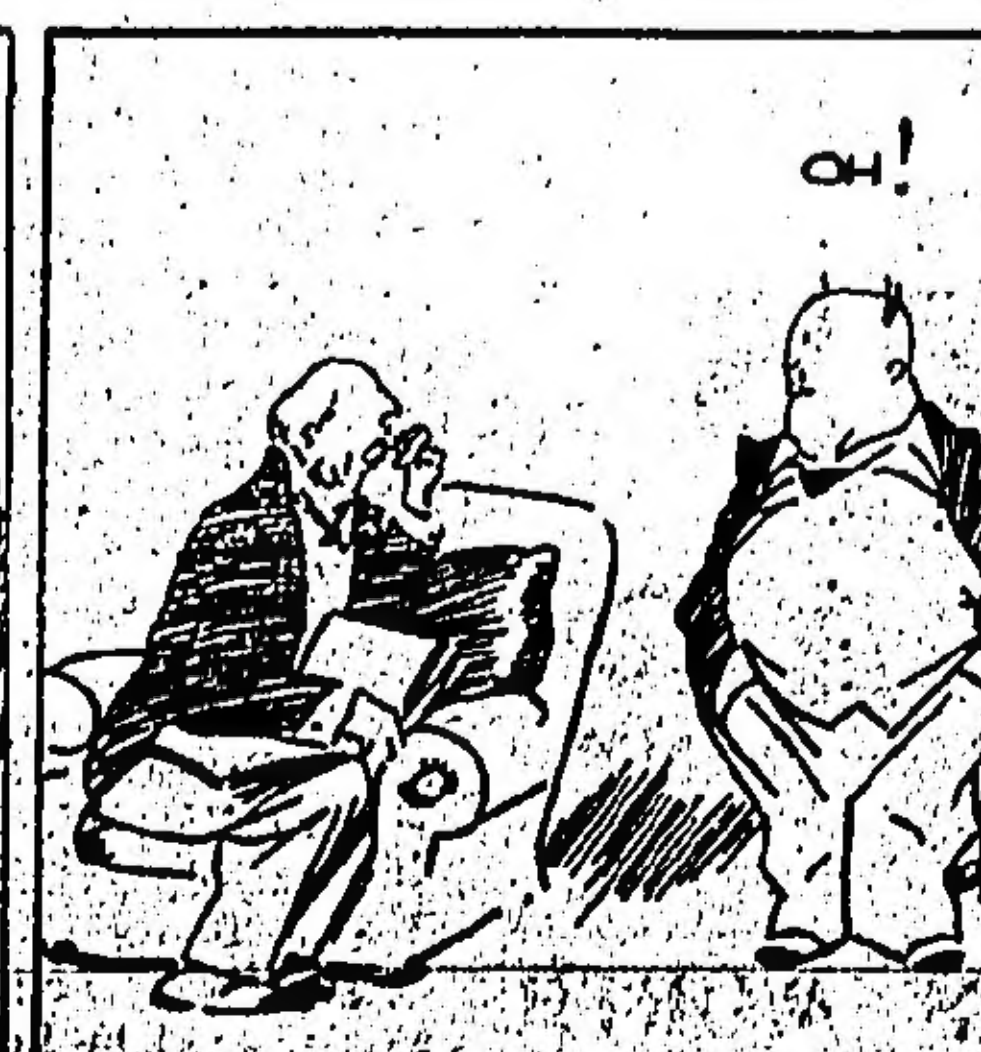
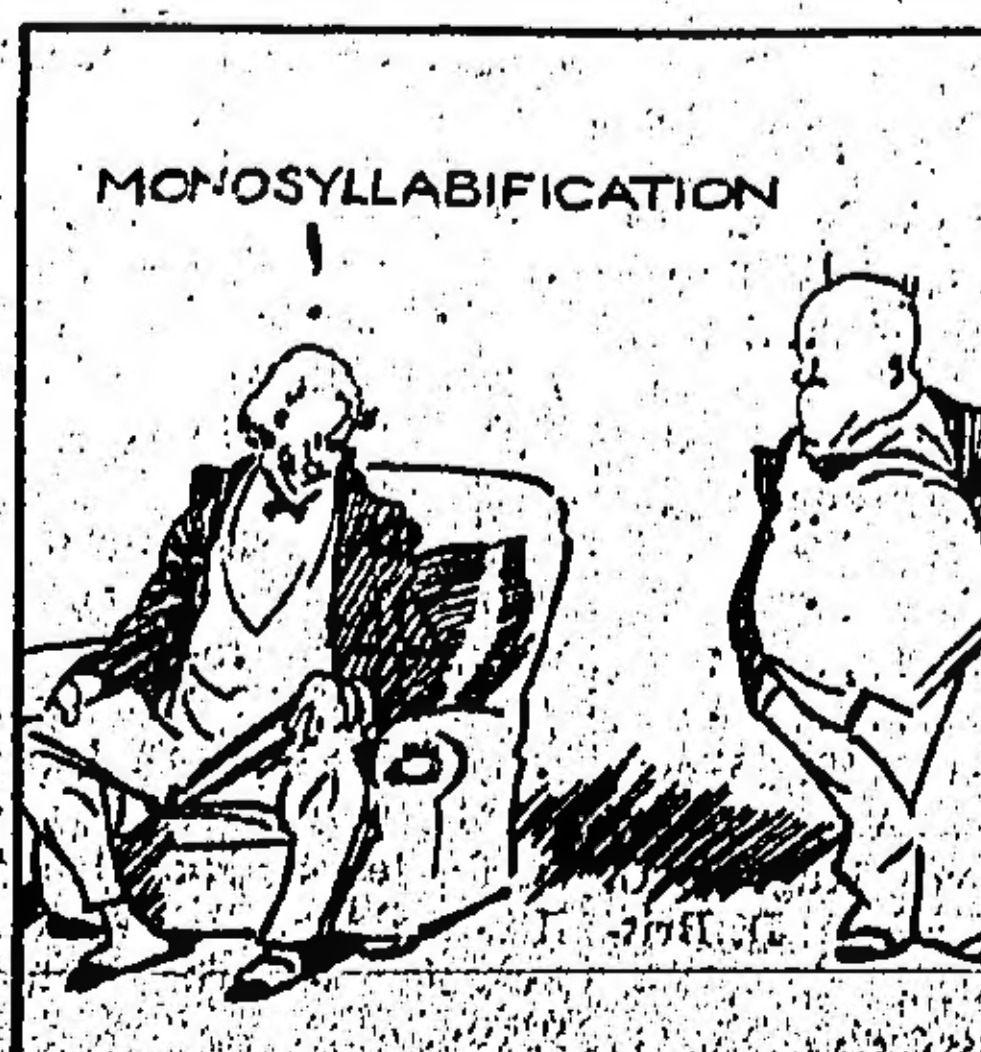
Marche Slave (Tchaikowsky).  
Philadelphia Symphony  
Orchestra (6513).  
Festivals (Debussy).  
Philadelphia Symphony  
Orchestra (1909).

8 p.m.—Local Time.  
8.03-10.30 p.m.—Chinese Concert  
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10.33 p.m.—Close Down.  
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## YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



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## MAIL REVIEWERS.

## "WATERLOO BRIDGE."

"Waterloo Bridge," now show-  
ing at the Central Theatre, is a  
credit to Paramount, Mr. James  
Whale, the director, and the play-  
ers. The leading players, Mae  
Clarke and Kent Douglas, are  
convincing, and good support is  
rendered by the others in the cast.  
The story, because of its human  
interest, appeals strongly. The  
story is set in a London of the  
air raids period, and concerns a  
girl, driven to the streets to earn  
a living.

Many places of interest in Lon-  
don, including Buckingham Palace  
are shown, and the air raids scenes  
are depicted vividly.

## OFFICIAL SOURCES.

The Universal studio set for  
"Waterloo Bridge" was the scene  
of a happy re-union of director and  
protégé when Doris Lloyd and  
Frederic Kerr exchanged greetings  
for the first time in 21 years. When  
Doris Lloyd made her debut in a  
London, England, theatre Frederic  
Kerr was the director of the com-  
pany and his coaching had a good  
deal to do with the rapid strides  
the actress made in her early stage  
training. Leaving London to go  
on a tour, Miss Lloyd had not seen  
her first director until recently  
when, although her work in "Water-  
loo Bridge" had been completed,  
she returned to the studio to pay  
her respects to Mr. Kerr, who had  
just joined the cast. The addition  
of Mr. Kerr to the cast of the  
Robert E. Sherwood drama gives  
the English director, Mr. Whale, his  
fifth English stage player in the  
cast, others being Miss Lloyd, Ethel  
Griffiths, Enid Bennett and Rita  
Carlisle. Mae Clarke and Kent  
Douglas who have the featured  
leads are American born, in real  
life as in the story.

Carl Laemmle, Jr., Universal's  
young production chief, believes  
"Waterloo Bridge" is one of the  
company's outstanding dramatic  
plays this season, as well as one of  
its most pretentious offerings.  
Whale has employed 36 specially  
designed sets for backgrounds for  
the action of the plot.

"Waterloo Bridge" is the current  
attraction at the Central Theatre  
to-day.

## "THIS MODERN AGE."

"This Modern Age," the new  
Joan Crawford M.G.M. starring  
vehicle, which is now showing at  
the Queen's Theatre, is a most sat-  
isfactory piece of entertainment. It  
exploits, of course, the personality  
and radiant physical charm of the  
perennially popular Joan Crawford.  
It does this in a scintillating story  
of modern life, done with a rare  
new twist.

Pauline Frederick is the very  
modern mother, who joins in the  
jollities of Paris with her daughter.  
It is the daughter's impassioned de-  
fence of mother's peccadilloes to  
Neil Hamilton that upsets the  
course of true romance, and sends  
our heroine into the arms of the  
man in waiting, Monroe Owsley,  
until the surprise climax.

Mildred Cram's tale which ap-  
peared first in a national magazine  
as "Girls Together," has been deftly  
transferred to screen form by  
Sylvia Thalberg and Frank Butler.  
Miss Crawford is made to order for  
the part of the heroine. She has in  
the role some of her very best  
dramatic opportunities, of which  
she takes adequate advantage. One  
of the best of these occurs when a

gang of her wild friends burst in  
on the quiet bridge game with which  
she and her mother are trying to  
impress the parents of her fiancé,  
the impeccable Mr. Hamilton.

## "UP FOR THE CUP."

An amusing little anecdote is told  
about "Up for the Cup," the jolly  
comedy film showing on Sunday at  
the Queen's Theatre. When the  
producers of this picture showed  
the film to the directors of the  
W. and F. Film Service, Ltd., the  
distributors, one of the chiefs, when  
asked his opinion of the film,  
stated that it was the best human  
comedy of its kind he had ever  
seen. He said it reminded him of  
something, and then it came to him.  
"I've got it," he said, "a couple  
of ducks." You will appreciate the  
subtlety of this when you know that  
"A Couple of Ducks," the song  
Gracie Fields has made famous, was  
written by Bert Lee and R. P.  
Weston, part authors of "Up for  
the Cup," although the gentleman in  
question did not know there was  
any real connection between "A  
Couple of Ducks" and "Up for the  
Cup," which goes to prove how  
strangely the mind works!

## "ALWAYS GOOD-BYE."

Elissa Landi is surely an inter-  
national artiste. Born in Venice,  
educated in England, starred on the  
London stage, she was featured in  
her first American film. To make  
the story complete, Fox Films have  
recognised her genius by elevating  
her to stardom in her second pic-  
ture, "Always Goodbye," romantic  
drama showing at the King's The-  
atre. That the fruits of her earlier  
years and experiences are reflected  
in her work is the opinion of critics  
who seem still at a loss for suitable  
words to praise her performance in  
"Body and Soul." But to Miss  
Landi, the explanation is simple.  
She has seen and lived much of life,  
in spite of her mere twenty-three  
years. "I have learned to tuck  
away in the storehouse of my  
memory every experience I have  
ever had," said Miss Landi, in re-  
viewing her career to date. "In my  
work for the screen I simply draw  
on these memories. Emotional  
memories I call them."

William Cameron Menzies and  
Kenneth MacKenna co-directed "Al-  
ways Goodbye," which features  
Lewis Stone, Paul Cavanagh, John  
Garfield and many other stage and  
screen celebrities in the brilliant  
supporting cast.

## "DOCTORS' WIVES"

No sooner was the announcement  
made, that Fox intended filming a  
dramatic study of love in the  
medical profession, than excited  
comments began to pour in on the  
company, regarding the plans.  
Some of them were wildly against  
the subject, with their objections  
based on the fact that the unwritten  
law governing the ethics of the pro-  
fession should protect it from ex-  
posures. They were, of course,  
wrong in any way to make an "exposure,"  
or "confession" story. Others were  
verbally enthused in their written  
and spoken comments, urging the  
company to proceed on what they  
considered to be a worthy cause.  
Needless to say, both factions were  
wrong.

"Doctors' Wives," coming next  
Sunday to the King's Theatre, was  
begun and filmed, solely because of  
the inherent dramatic worth of the  
subject, and not because of its  
righteousness or wrongness. Drama,  
and its portrayal, is art. It is the  
only consideration when judging

material from which to tell a story  
on the screen. Considered from  
this viewpoint, the novel, "Doctors'  
Wives," by Henry and Sylvia  
Lieferant attracted from the very  
first reading of the powerful story.

From the very first moment,  
Warner Baxter was the only man  
considered for the part, and was the  
one actor capable of bringing the  
characterisation to the screen with  
life-like authenticity. "Nina," how-  
ever, presented a different problem.  
Not only did the role call for a  
beautiful, young girl, the character-  
isation had to be true to the original,  
had to be an actress capable of  
moments of peaceful happiness and  
repose contrasted the next instant  
with the extremes of passion and  
emotion. Truly a difficult assign-  
ment when the choice was so neces-  
sarily restricted to a very young  
actress. Only after weeks of search  
did the decision go to Joan Bennett  
for the co-featured role of "Nina  
Wyndram." To her fell the plum  
that by then had become the drama-  
tic prize coveted by many of Holly-  
wood's younger artistes. The same  
rigid qualifications were adhered to  
throughout the casting of "Doctors'  
Wives," the featured players, Victor  
Varconi, Helene Millard, Paul Por-  
casi, Nancy Gardner, John St. Polis,  
Cecilia Loftus and the others.

## LAST OF MALAYA'S LEVIATHANS

## Why Chikus Rhino Was Shot.

The Times of Malaya publishes  
very lengthy details of the shoot-  
ing of the only known specimen of  
the one horned rhino in Chikus  
forest reserve near Kampar by Mr.  
Vernay, who is sending the skin to  
the British Museum.

Mr. Vernay, interviewed by the  
paper's representative who went to  
the spot and saw the carcass said  
he had come out for the purpose  
with the consent of the British  
Resident on the recommendation  
of Mr. Hubback, who had located  
the animal, in order to preserve  
the last of the species which was  
believed to be a bull rhino but  
turned out to be a cow. The  
dimensions are 5 ft. 3 3/4 ins. at the  
shoulder; 10 ft. 8 ins. overall from  
the tip of the nose to the base of  
the tail. The skin was removed  
and conveyed by 12 men to a lorry  
on the roadside four miles away  
near Telok Anson. The skeleton is  
also being preserved. It is believ-  
ed, the animal was 80 years old.

Mr. Vernay gave a very interest-  
ing interview on the subject detail-  
ing his hunt for the specimen  
everywhere of what is known as  
the Java Rhino—Singapore Free  
Press.

Who can remain cynical as he  
reads a well-turned advertisement  
—Mr. Robert Lynd.

The fruit of the Tree of Know-  
ledge has always been a dangerous  
diet.—Mr. Ramsay MacDonald.

COMING SHORTLY  
TO THE KING'S.

SYLVIA SIDNEY  
GENE RAYMOND  
in  
'LADIES  
OF THE  
BIG HOUSE'  
A Paramount Picture

## SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED  
IN CHINA MAIL.

**Social Functions.**  
To-day—Tea Dances at Hong  
Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant;  
Dinner Dances, at Hong Kong and  
Peninsula Hotels and King's Res-  
taurant.

February 27—Craigengower  
Cricket Club Annual Bachelors'  
Dance.

**Entertainments.**  
To-day—King's Theatre:  
"Always Goodbye."  
To-day—Queen's Theatre:  
"This Modern Age."  
To-day—Central Theatre:  
"Waterloo Bridge."  
To-day—Majestic Theatre:  
"Monkey Business."  
To-day—Star Theatre:  
"Love in The Rough."  
To-day—Harmston's Circus,  
Reclamation Ground, Wanchai.

**Home Mails.**  
To-morrow—Outward for Ameri-  
ca 5 p.m. and Europe via Siberia 6  
p.m. (Pres. Cleveland); for Europe  
via Suez (Hakusa Maru) 6 p.m.

**Meetings.**  
February 26—Kowloon Residents'  
Association, St. Andrew's Church  
Hall, Kowloon, 6 p.m.

February 27—Hong Kong &  
Shanghai Banking Corporation, 1  
Queen's Road, Central 11.30 a.m.  
Feb. 28—Humphreys Estate and  
Finance Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Hotel,  
11.30 a.m.

March 2—Dairy Farm, Ice &  
Cold Storage Co., Ltd., 2, Lower  
Albert Road, 11 a.m.

March 2—Hong Kong Realty &  
Trust Co., Ltd., Exchange Build-  
ing, noon.

March 9—Hong Kong Telephone  
Co., Ltd., Exchange Bldg., 2nd  
floor, 11 a.m.

March 14—Hong Kong Benevo-  
lent Society, Sanitary Board Room,  
Post Office Bldg., 11 a.m.

March 15—Hong Kong, Canton &  
Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., 1,  
Queen's Building, 11 a.m.

March 18—Hong Kong & Shang-  
hai Hotels, Ltd., annual meeting,  
Exchange Building, 11 a.m., extra-  
ordinary meeting, 11.30 a.m.

March 23—Hong Kong Electric  
Co., Ltd., P. & O. Building, 11 a.m.

**Flower Show.**  
March 8—Hong Kong Horticul-  
tural Show, Volunteer Headquar-  
ters, 8-7 p.m.

**Land Sale.**  
February 22—At F.W.D. Offices,  
one lot of Crown land, 3 p.m.

## GERMAN "TIN HAT."

Inventor Living in Poverty  
in Berlin.

Franz Marx, who designed the  
steel helmet worn by the German  
soldiers during the world war, is  
living in poverty in Berlin, although  
his invention doubtless saved the  
lives of countless thousands of men.

An "art armourer," Marx was an  
expert at making suits of armour.  
When the war broke out he went to  
a firm of military helmet-makers.

One day he was sent for by the  
German War Office and told it had  
been decided that some sort of  
bullet-proof headgear was necessary  
for the soldiers.

Marx sketched a design upon the  
blotting-pad of the high official. It  
was the well-known "coal-scuttle"  
helmet which the German Reichs-  
wehr still wear.

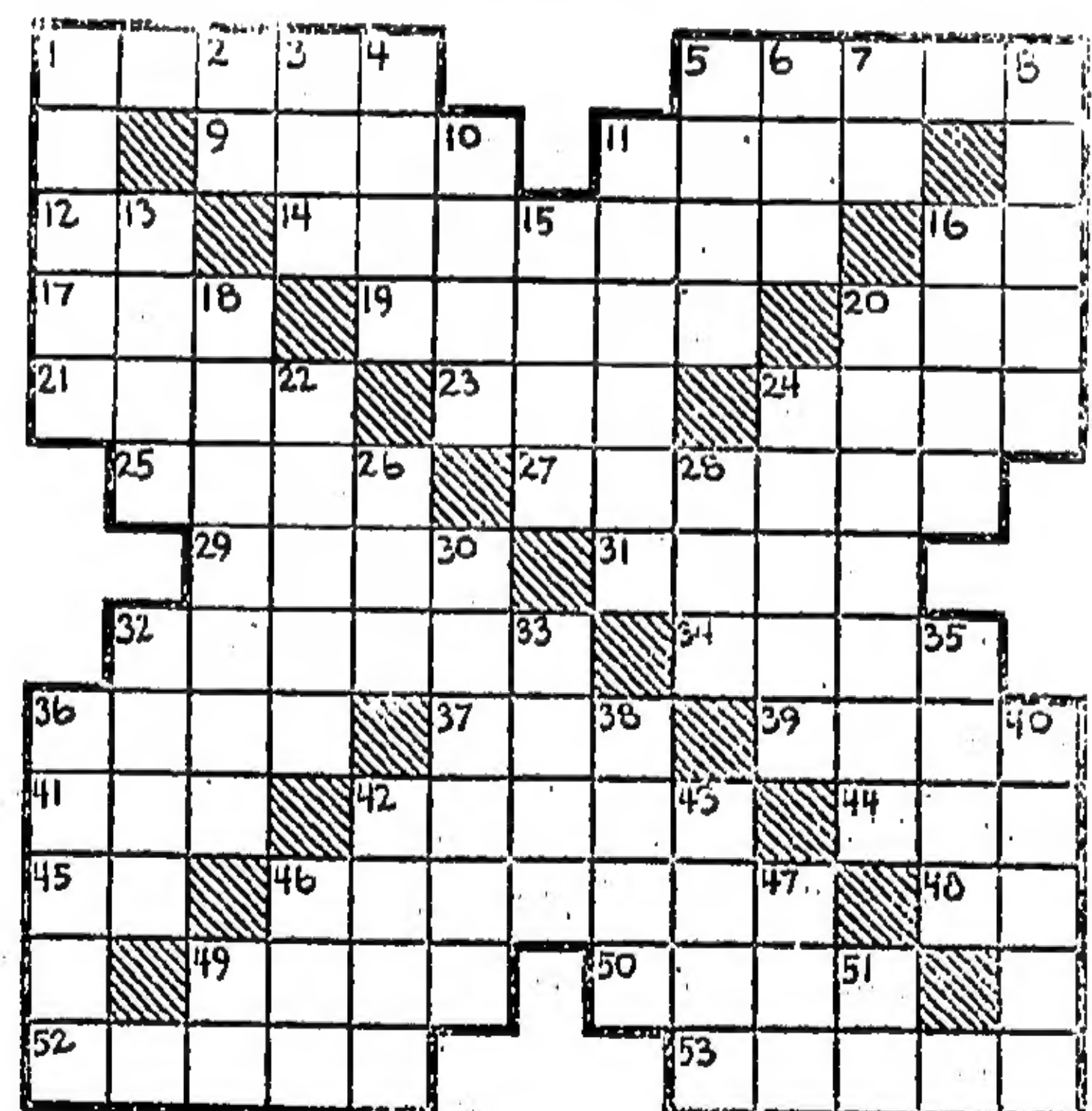
The credit was apparently given to  
other sources. Marx did not re-  
ceive one single penny for his  
share in the work, and to-day lives  
at Charlottenburg in most needy  
circumstances.

The real live audience of the  
theatre come from the cheaper  
seats.—Sir Barry Jackson.

By J. MILLAR WATT.

## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but  
our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic  
spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



## HORIZONTAL

- 1—Compact
- 5—Pleasure
- 6—Grass
- 11—Cease
- 12—Pronoun
- 14—Inclined
- 15—Height (abbr.)
- 17—Short sleep
- 19—Flight
- 20—A letter
- 21—Heavenly body
- 22—Ostrich-like
- 23—Australian bird
- 24—An exclamation to attract attention
- 25—Crystals of ice
- 27—Covering of the beach
- 29—Principal chamber of a temple (Gr. Antik.)
- 31—An insect
- 32—Divide into two equal parts
- 34—Title of former Russian rulers
- 36—Fatty tissue used for making tallow

## HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 37—Head covering
- 38—Vessel
- 41—Mistake
- 42—Removed the core
- 44—Mineral spring
- 45—Indefinite article
- 46—Body lice
- 47—(Soldier slang)
- 48—Half an em
- 49—Revolve
- 50—Loyal (Poet.)
- 52—Waste
- 53—Chief of evil spirits

## VERTICAL

- 1—Begin to give promise
- 2—A negative
- 3—Slater (short)
- 4—Girl's name
- 5—Stoody part of a plant
- 6—Seed covering
- 7—Opera (abbr.)
- 8—Indian pole

## VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 10—Trade
- 11—Suspended on a string by threading
- 13—Dine
- 15—Nominate
- 16—Part of foot
- 18—A basket for carrying a load on the back
- 20—Hunting-leopards of S. W. Asia
- 22—Bake in an oven
- 24—Accumulate
- 26—Sorrow
- 28—An insect
- 30—Place of learning
- 32—Bear
- 33—Small pastry
- 35—Mature
- 36—Cauterizes
- 38—The linden
- 40—Jury
- 42—Absence of heat
- 45—Act
- 46—Study with care
- 47—So (Scott.)
- 49—Musical note
- 51—55. (Roman)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)



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## CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

## KOWLOON RUGBY CLUB WIN.

Medway Second fifteen Out-played.

BOTH SIDES SHORT.

At King's Park yesterday the Kowloon Rugby Club gained their biggest victory of the season when they defeated the H.M.S. Medway second fifteen by two goals and four tries (22 points) to nil.

Owing to lack of players on both sides the game was not in the nature of an exhibition display. The Medway were forced to accept the services of J. E. H. Cogan in the second half and then they were two players short. Kowloon were only one short throughout the game.

For Kowloon, D. Black played a very aggressive game behind the scrum and worked splendidly with his partner, D. F. Kilby. The latter, though not scoring himself, was instrumental in the scoring of four of the six tries, and was probably the best back on the field. The Kowloon forwards combined well in the loose but would not heel when in a position to do so.

For Kowloon, G. C. Burnett (3), S. MacNider (2) and Owen Davies scored the tries whilst J. E. Wilson converted two.

Kowloon ..... 22 points

Medway II ..... 0 point

Kowloon:—Skinner; Whitley, Burnett, Kilby, Davies; Black, Wilson, Brokenshire, Bonham, Muller, Kerr, MacNider, and Stoker.

## WEAK CLUB SIDE LOSE SCRAPPY GAME.

Jats. Record Win on the U.S.R.C. Ground.

RECREIO BEAT RADIO.

On the U.S.R.C. ground yesterday afternoon the Hong Kong Hockey Club first eleven lost to the 3/9 Jats Regiment by two goals to nil in a scrappy game. Both points were registered in the first half.

In the absence of G. Duncan, J. Rodger and E. V. Reed, the Club accepted the services of Captain Huxford, in goal, and two reserves from the Jats. Duncan, however, arrived after the first goal had been scored.

The Club failed to get together, Tetley, a forward, having to play in the defence, in which department he proved good. In the first half, the Club commenced to attack, but failed to find the net. In their first rush down, the Jats scored through Captain Morgan, as the result of a free hit outside the circle. The Club, however, renewed their offensive, and Francis and Divett both had hard luck with hot shots.

In another raid, the Jats inside-left got his shot past Duncan.

In the second half, the Club showed up a little better, there being good combination between Owen Hughes and Divett on the right wing. Francis, when well placed, scored a beautiful goal, but the point was disallowed for off-side. The Jats attacked vigorously, but Duncan cleared shot after shot, in rapid succession. Towards the termination, play was of a ding-dong nature with neither side able to score.

For the Club, Owen Hughes and Divett were the pick of the forwards, whilst W. Reed, Tetley and Woodward worked hard in the defence. The Jats played a better game, Morgan and Syer shining in the forward line. Their right-wing, a very fast runner, was also impressive. The defence was strong.

Result:—

3/9 Jats ..... 2

Club ..... 0

Club:—G. Duncan; W. Woodward, J. W. Reed, A. A. Dand, J. L. Tetley, H. Owen Hughes, G. E. R. Divett, C. C. Francis, D. Brittain, Evans, and J. At.

Win For Recreation.

At King's Park yesterday afternoon, the Club de Recreation defeated

## CHELSEA'S F. A. CUP VICTORY.

Wednesday Defeated in Replay.

KILMARNOCK PROCEED.

London, Yesterday. In the Fifth Round F.A. Cup replay Chelsea defeated Sheffield Wednesday by two clear goals.

The following were the results of League encounters as cabled by Reuter:—

## ENGLISH LEAGUE.

First Division.  
Arsenal 4 Grimsby 0  
Derby C. 3 West Brom. 1  
Huddersfield 1 Middlesbro' 1  
Newcastle U. 3 Bolton 1  
Portsmouth 2 Birmingham 1

Second Division.  
Bradford 1 Preston N.E. 5  
Bury 0 Bradford C. 2  
Manchester U. 5 Burnley 1

Third Division (South).  
Watford 1 Crystal Pal. 2

## SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Motherwell 4 Morton 2  
In the Third Round Scottish Cup replay Kilmarnock eliminated Dundee United by three goals to nil.

## SLIT HURDLES.

The following is the draw for the Fourth Round of the Scottish Cup to be played on March 5:—  
Airdrieonians v. Partick  
Clyde v. Hamilton  
Dunfermline v. Kilmarnock  
Rangers v. Motherwell

## Our Sports Diary.

HOCKEY—To-day—St. Andrew's v. University.  
To-morrow—Radio v. German Club.

GOLF—To-morrow—Third Round of Ladies' Championship.  
Sunday—K.C.C. Junior Championship Final.

HUNTING—Sunday—Fanning Hunt Hounds Meet at Potts' Bungalow at 3.15 p.m.

CRICKET—Saturday—League I.—University v. Craigengower C.C. (L.); Kowloon C.C. v. Civil Service C.C. (L.); Indian R.C. v. Hong Kong C.C. (L.); League II.—Craigengower C.C. v. University (L.); Civil Service C.C. v. Kowloon C.C. (L.); Hong Kong C.C. v. Indian R.C. (L.).

FOOTBALL—Saturday—First Division—Exeter v. Bournemouth; Nure v. Police; Argyle v. St. Joseph's; Kowloon v. Club; Chinese League—South China "B" v. Eastern; Sung Ching v. Yee Woo; Chinese Athletic "B" v. Chinese Athletic "A".

RACING—Saturday—Annual Race Meeting (Happy Valley).

## TENNIS.

## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

The following is the programme of matches in the Open Championship this week:—

To-day.  
D. B. Evans v. W. Woo.  
Chiu Chun-chiu v. R. Chos or Wong.  
G. A. White v. A. F. Sullivan v. Pereira.

To-morrow.  
M. W. Lo v. Firdos Khan.  
Y. Hachima v. S. E. Green.  
A. H. Rumjahn v. H. Y. Ho.  
Y. V. Segalen v. K. Takum.

To-morrow.  
Szeto Pick v. W. B. Cornaby.  
Luk Ding-cheung v. F. Aki.  
H. Owen Hughes v. Sai Wa-liang.  
F. A. Edmund v. W. C. Hung.  
T. Honda v. G. C. Burnett.  
H. Lohring v. R. E. Todd.  
Ng Sze-cheng v. M. H. Waring.  
E. Grenillet v. T. Akiyama.  
Ho Ka-lau v. E. Zimmermann.

The Radio Sports Club by three goals to one in a friendly encounter. At half-time, the score was two nil in favour of the Recreation.

C.B.A. Team For To-morrow.  
A. Mamak. Hockey: Tournament match will be played between the C.B.A. and the Royal Corps of Signals, on the former's ground at King's Park to-morrow (Friday) commencing at 5.15 p.m. sharp.

C.B.A. team:—G. Duncan; L. W. Tittle, C. L. Gregory; N. Whitley, D. Davies, S. MacNider; W. H. G. Hirst, T. S. D. Whitley, C. C. Francis, W. G. Johnson, J. P. White.

Reserves:—A. Philippons and M. Welli.

## STRAIGHT SETS FOR ALL WINNERS.

Third Day Provides No Surprises.

SULLIVAN WINS.

The third day's play in the Open Singles Championship provided no surprising eliminations and no play of really first-class standard was witnessed. The following were the full results of yesterday's play:—

(First Round.)

A. L. Sullivan beat F. D. Pereira 6-3, 6-3.

Lee Wal-tong beat J. G. Lecky 6-2, 6-1.

Second Round.

S. A. Rumjahn beat H. N. Chau 6-2, 6-1.

Tsui Yun-pui beat T. C. Monaghan 7-5, 6-1.

A. H. Harkins beat L. T. Ride 6-2, 6-5.

Yew Man-kit beat A. V. Gosano 6-3, 6-2.

Iu Tak-cheuk beat H. N. Lee 6-2, 7-5.

J. A. E. Cassumbhoy beat E. T. E. Nash 6-3, 6-4.

M. K. Lo beat E. W. Railton 6-0, 6-1.

Who They Meet in the Next Round.

Lee Wal-tong v. H. D. Rumjahn.

A. L. Sullivan v. G. A. White.

S. A. Rumjahn v. Tsui Yan-pui.

A. H. Harkins v. Yew Man-kit.

Iu Tak-cheuk v. J. E. Cassumbhoy.

M. K. Lo v. S. E. Green or Y. Hachima.

## SADD JUST MISSES CENTURY.

## Big Partnership with Grey Spells Victory.

R.E. & SIGS. BEATEN.

At Sookunpoo yesterday the Royal Army Service Corps defeated the Royal Engineers and Royal Corps of Signals by 7 wickets.

Scores:—

R.E. and S.

Whitfield, b Cate ..... 10  
Meehan, b Pamplin ..... 30  
Lt. Anstruther, c and b Whitley 25  
Lt.-Col. Marsden, b Grey ..... 51  
Holmes, b Pamplin ..... 5  
Jordan, c Whitley, b Grey ..... 16  
Pegg, b Lazenby ..... 0  
Buckle, b Lazenby ..... 0  
Grosvener, not out ..... 3  
Savill, b Grey ..... 3  
Deavall, b Lazenby ..... 4  
Extras ..... 15

Total ..... 162

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.  
Grey ..... 9.1 2 48 3  
Cate ..... 9 1 20 1  
Whitley ..... 10 2 58 1  
Pamplin ..... 6 1 17 2  
Lazenby ..... 4 1 11 3

## R.A.S.C.

Pamplin, run out ..... 3  
Grey, b Jordan ..... 44  
Q. M. S. Sadd, c Pegg, b Jordan 97  
Buckland, not out ..... 4  
Cate, not out ..... 10  
Extras ..... 11

Total (for 3 wickets) ..... 169

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.  
Anstruther ..... 12 1 44 0  
Jordan ..... 11 0 87 2  
Meehan ..... 11 1 45 0  
Buckle ..... 2 0 12 0

## MAJESTIC

TO-DAY TO SATURDAY AT 2.30, 5.20, 7.20 & 9.20 P.M.



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## Overland China Mail.

A WHOLE WEEK'S NEWSPAPERS IN ONE.

The China-Japan trouble in Shanghai is becoming graver every hour. After a final warning the Japanese troops, numbering over 20,000, have started a big push with intermittent shelling. Latest news is that two British sailors of H.M.S. Suffolk, who were part of a guard on the Hongkew wharf, were injured by shellfire, and both are in a critical condition. The situation at Shanghai is fully dealt with in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

The February Criminal Sessions opened during the week, before the Chief Justice and the Puisne Judge, there being seven cases on the calendar. In one a young Chinese amah, was arraigned on a charge of the manslaughter of a man in the kitchen of a Peak house, where both were employed by Mr. and Mrs. C. A. L. Rickett. The evidence showed that accused and deceased had a fight. After a short retirement the Jury returned a verdict of Guilty with a strong recommendation to mercy. The case is reported in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

The Canadian Pacific Steamship Company luxury liner, s.s. Empress of Britain, arrived in Hong Kong on February 11, on her maiden cruise round the world. Comfort and convenience has been the keynote of her construction, and the C.P.S. have every reason to be proud of the largest ship of their fleet afloat to-day. The OVERLAND CHINA MAIL furnishes a detailed report on the liner.

The 34th ordinary yearly meeting of the "Star" Ferry Co., Ltd., was held on February 11. The Chairman, the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson reported on a successful year's working. The meeting is reported in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

The annual report of the Kowloon Residents' Association, prepared by the General Committee, is published, in full, in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL. It deals comprehensively with the growing needs of Kowloon, touching on bathing, postal and hospital facilities, also traffic, and police and fire protection. The Treasurer's report showed that the total number enrolled was 379.

An appeal for more co-operation by the parents, was made by the Headmaster at the annual prize-giving of the Central British School which was held on February 16. He also pointed to the remarkable advance the School had made in the study of English.

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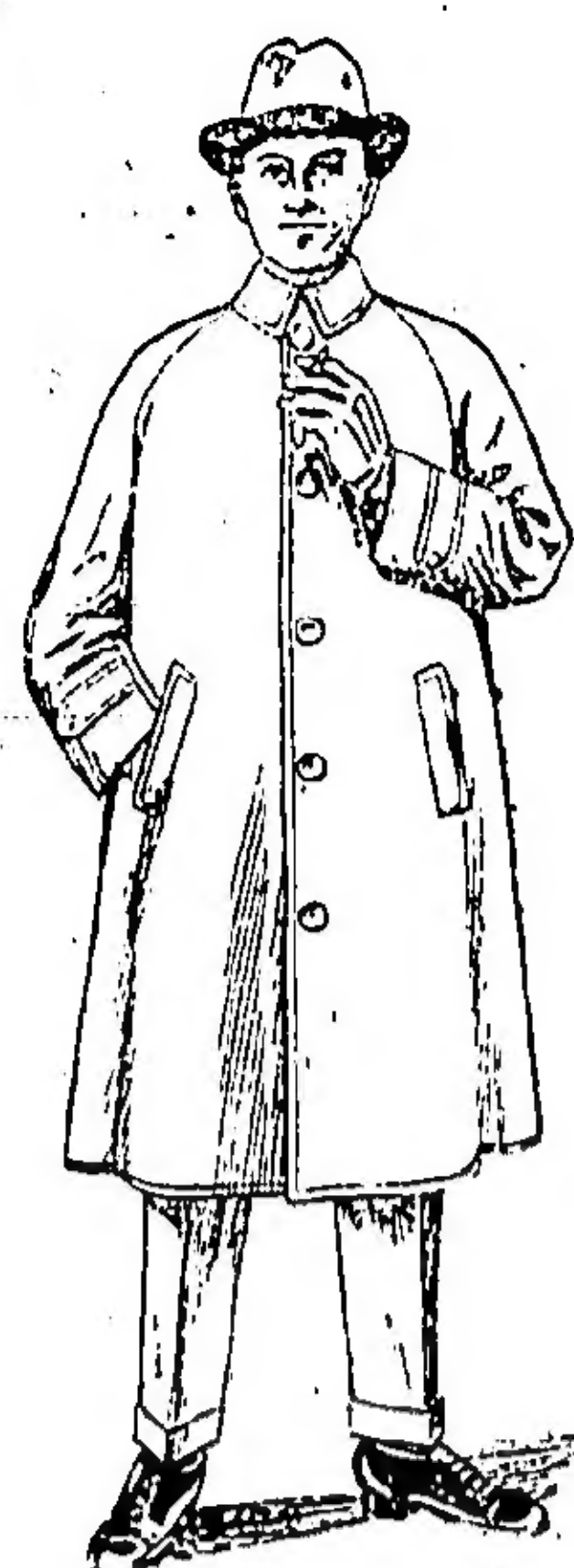
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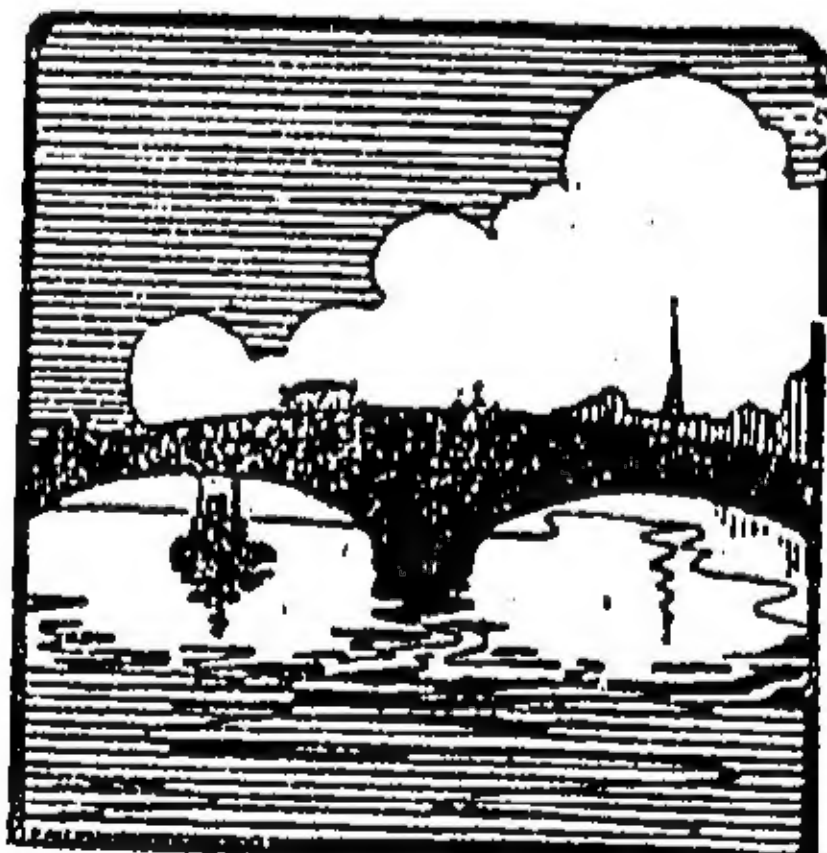
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Break of 83 When 10  
Years Old.

WILLIE'S WAYS.

William Swinhoe arrived in London recently. William Swinhoe is aged ten of the very oldest years ever known in Shire Moor, Backworth, Northumberland. He plays billiards. He has come to London with his little cue to collect the boys' billiards championship. "That's Willie," said Mrs. Swinhoe. She spoke in a hushed voice. Mr. Swinhoe was wearing the latest model in school caps and natty shorts. He looked bronzed and fit. He just tops the pocket of a full-sized table, and absent-minded players often pick him up in mistake for the chalk.

Began To Play At Nine.

"His initials are the same as Willie Smith's," explained Mrs. Swinhoe hurriedly. A slight sneer curled round the placid face of Mr. Swinhoe.

"I began to play at the age of nine," he announced suddenly.

"There's not much you can teach Willie," said Mrs. Swinhoe. "I know good play from bad," said Mr. Swinhoe calmly.

Mr. Swinhoe's father is secretary of a miners' institute, and one day, known to Messrs. Inman, Reece, and Lindrum as "Black Monday," he left the balls lying idle on the table.

When he returned Mr. Swinhoe was quietly potting the red. He could not tell a lie. He did it with his little cue, and from that day miners stay for hours down the pit, helping Mr. Swinhoe will have left the premises.

"My best break is 83," said Mr. Swinhoe.

How do you manage about the long butt? I inquired.

"I don't," said Mr. Swinhoe coldly.

His First Match.

Wearing shorts and a white shirt, he trotted round a billiards table at E. "Roughs and Watts" carrying a cue that looked like a flagstaff. He pushed his chin over the edge of the cushion, hit a ball with the tip of the staff, and raced along to some other point where he could hit the "plain" a smash at "spot" or "red" again.

He was playing fourteen-year-old James Harold, of Bloomsbury, in the semi-final of the boys' championship; 400 up, and the chief danger to Willie was lost Jimmy should trip up and fall on him.

Willie was a bit careless, or reckless, or excited in the first half of the session, and plodding, thoughtful Jimmy climbed on top. At the interval Jimmy was 200 and Willie 175. Then they went out for tea. "Bread and butter, please," said Willie. There was plenty for him. "Tea"—as much as he liked.

"Cake, please."

Then a firm voice spoke.

"No, Willie, no cake. Win the game first. Then you shall have plenty of cake."—Mother speaking.

Willie and Jimmy returned to the table, and what that tea did for Willie is unbelievable. He waltzed into the "plain," conjured it into pockets up table, down table, anywhere, and potted the red in passing now and again, just a smack for luck. Some of his shots need not have made Lindrum ashamed.

He proved himself what many people are inclined to believe the greatest home-grown natural genius since Roberts.

The 25 deficit was wiped off in five minutes, and away he went for the 300 mark. He was 209 when Jimmy was still only 202; and intervals showed the score in his favour; 230—204, 308—258, 329—280, 360—304, and finally 400—316. He made 225 and was in play while Jimmy scored 114. That was after tea.

It was a game of genius versus machine-made billiards. Jimmy went for the correct thing, carefully thinking out his shot and carefully aiming; Willie's game was a succession of quick brain flashes. He lost hardly a second. It was while wind billiards.

It is the first time he has played in competition.

GERMAN CYCLISTS IN  
COLONY.

Round the World in  
Ten Years.

MR. AND MRS. HECKER.

Mr. and Mrs. Hecker, the German round-the-world tourists are now in the Colony. They set off from Munich on August 25, 1925, and after 78 months of arduous travel have arrived at this fair Isle of ours.

Averaging roughly 70 miles a day when on the road they have attained as many as 120 miles in a day on the good roads afforded in India. Carrying only necessities such as clothing, books and photographic equipment Mr. Hecker said that each of them carried roughly 60 lb in addition to their own weight. They have not kept the same bicycles throughout the journey, but have welcomed any offer made by agencies in the districts through which they passed.

Mr. Hecker said that he will probably remain in our district for three weeks. He intends to go to Canton on Monday and then to visit Swatow and the other outlying ports. He hopes to conclude his tour of the globe in 1935, ten years after the commencement of the trip.

RICH COUPLE WHO  
HAD NO CHILDREN.

£36,000 Legacies Left  
to Big Families.

M. and Mme. Cognac, owners of one of the large Paris department stores, were millionaires. All their life they lamented the fact that they had no children.

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Ninety-two prizes of 25,000 francs (£200 at par) have been distributed this year to parents of under 45 having at least nine children living, and 200 prizes of 10,000 francs (£80 at par) to parents of under 35 having at least 5 children living.

Thus in all 4,300,000 francs (about £36,000 at par) have gone to large families.

Farmers, engineers, dentists, chemists, army and air force officers, and a sculptor have all received awards.

NERVOUSNESS IN WOMEN.

U.S. Doctor Blames High Heels.

"High heels for women are, in my opinion, a grotesque fashion," declared Dr. I. Mason Beeman, addressing the Osteopathic Society of New York.

He was speaking in contradiction of the view expressed by Mr. P. B. Roth, an orthopaedic surgeon, in a recent lecture at the Royal Society of Medicine, Wimpole Street, W., that he considered high-heeled shoes suitable and harmless for both men and women.

"One has only to watch young women walking with such heels," said Dr. Beeman, "to see that their knees are bent abnormally forward and that there is an increase of the curve in the lower part of the back."

"We find that these women frequently suffer from backache and nervousness."

Dr. Beeman said that high heels caused the wearer's toes to turn up, which position "causes the sensation of walking on marbles, and disturbs the normal bearing."

211 YEARS TO PAY.

£550 Maintenance Arrears At A Shilling A Week.

William John Oxborrow, of Gomeldon, near Salisbury, has been ordered to pay 1s. a week towards £550 arrears of wife maintenance at Guildford.

It was said that he was living with another woman, by whom he had five children, and that at the last Surrey Assizes he had been sentenced to two days' imprisonment for bigamy.

It will take Oxborrow 211 years to pay off the arrears.

MOTOR PERIL TO  
PEDESTRIANS.

Road Law Too  
Flexible.

OXFORD'S PROTEST MOVEMENT

Some steps to counteract the present dangers to foot-passengers on the roads were suggested by Sir Alexander Butterworth when he addressed a meeting of Oxford pedestrians in the Town Hall at Oxford recently, says a Manchester Guardian Correspondent. He said there should be much greater uniformity in the administration of the law relating to road offences. If at present it was not possible on the score of expense to set up special courts for dealing with road offences, it might be worth while to constitute a special appeal tribunal so that some definite standard for the treatment of such offences might be established. He saw no sign as yet that the confident anticipations of those who favoured the abolition of the speed limit would be realised.

"I would oblige every motor-vehicle to carry a speedometer so made that it would automatically signal that the limit was being exceeded," he added. "Most motorists would hesitate to proclaim to everybody, including the police, the fact that they were breaking the law." This country, he continued, ought to follow the example of most other countries in providing that the injured pedestrian should receive compensation even where he could not prove affirmatively that the motorist was guilty of negligence. More lives had been lost on the roads during the past twelve years than all the lives saved by the lifeboats during more than a century. "If it were a necessary condition of up-to-date traffic that between five thousand and ten thousand people should be killed every year on the roads, I should advocate a return to less deadly modes of traffic, however antiquated, but I do not believe that it is necessary," Sir Alexander added.

The Master of Balliol (Dr. A. D. Lindsay), who presided, said modern conditions had brought it about that ordinary human carelessness, which formerly did little harm, had become fraught with extraordinary danger. "Nobody," he said, "can read the reports of inquiries on motor victims without feeling that the law allows far too many to take risks which are far too dangerous to be allowed. The discussion which takes place at an inquest is worth almost nothing compared with the kind of inquiry that is held about a railway or a coalmine accident. We have not yet made up our minds what risks the law can allow and what it cannot allow."

Other speakers were Captain R. C. Bourne, M.P., the Countess Bathurst, and Mr. T. C. Foley (secretary of the Pedestrians' Association). The Master of Balliol proposed and the President of Corpus (Dr. P. A. Allen) seconded a resolution that "this meeting of citizens of Oxford deplores the fact that the serious danger and discomfort of the walking public continue unabated in spite of recent legislation, and pledges support to the Pedestrians' Association in its efforts toward restoring to the walking public their use of the highways in safety and comfort."

SIMILES OF 1931.

Mr. Frank J. Wiltach, an American theatrical manager, pursues the interesting hobby of collecting similes, and once a year he publishes his treasure trove. His bag for 1931 draws largely from the more familiar of the world's fauna, says a London paragraphist. For example, "as busy as a moth in a light-house," "as happy as a bee in a florist's shop," "as lonely as a horsefly in Detroit," "as hungry as a fly at a Scotch restaurant," "Primo Carnara looked like a sea-lion in a goldfish bowl," and "as hard to pick up as an oyster on a marble floor."

Popular interest in public affairs has suggested "as useless as a collar button (Anglice, stud) to Gandhi," "as unemployed as the King of Italy," and "as happy as a Democrat the day before election." Of the remaining similes those best worth mentioning are "as reluctant as a man with his finger on a dentist's bell," "as useless as a radio actor's gestures," and "as revealing as the neighbours' wash."

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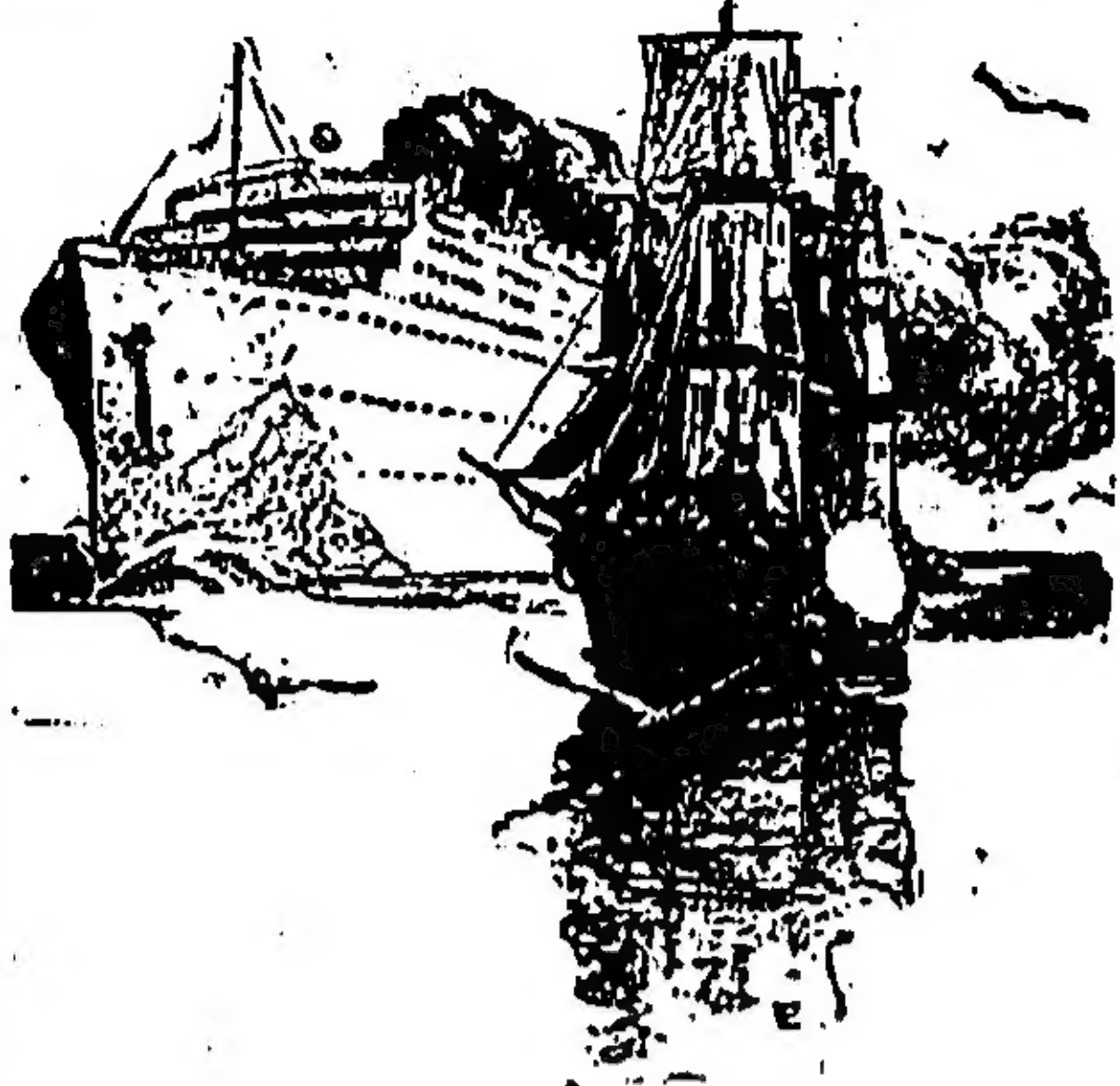
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### The China Mail.

Hong Kong, Thursday, Feb. 18, 1932.

#### The League of Nations — Beginnings.

II.  
The League of Nations formally came into existence on January 10, 1920, so that it is now entered upon its thirteenth year—a fact which the superstitious may be expected to grasp and of which essay to make capital.

As its name denotes, it is a league, or association, or society of nations. It is not the embodiment of a modern idea. The idea is somewhere between three and four hundred years old. Many plans for a league of nations had been formulated from time to time. Some of them were fantastic, some eminently practical; but they were sponsored at times when the nations had had no such experience and lesson taught to them as came by way of the European Great War of 1914-18. The League of Nations, as we know it to-day, is the outcome of the Great War.

As a writer has recorded it:—"The League is the fruit of an instinctive and world-wide impulse to create somehow some organization capable of preserving mankind permanently from the recurrence of a like disaster. It is the continuation into peace time, of that slowly evolved system of co-operation between the Allied States which had reached a high stage of development before the War was over."

There was, in the war-torn world of 1918, a general desire, on the parts of victor and vanquished alike, for something which would be "capable of preserving mankind permanently from the recurrence of a like disaster." It was decidedly "from the hopes and aspirations of the common people, that the League of Nations idea drew its strength." So strong was this desire that, any scheme, which promised, no matter how slenderly, chance of a modicum of success, would, at that time, have been eagerly grasped and given a trial.

World statesmen of those critical years were advocating the creation of some new world-wide society of States as the one hope of salvation. So, when the U.S. President, Mr. Wilson, included in his Peace Conditions, the stipulation that

"a general association of nations must be formed under specific covenants for the purpose of affording mutual guarantees of political independence and territorial integrity to great and small States alike"

the idea was at once grasped, and preparations made for the creation of "a general association of nations." In other words, the creation of the League.

Many questions of principle, naturally, arose. For example, (1) Should the League Covenant be made part and parcel of the Peace Treaty; (2) Should the League be, in the first instance, a League of Allies only; and (3) Should the League equip itself from the outset with armed forces to impose peace and enforce League decisions in case of need.

These questions of principle were keenly debated at the time, but satisfactorily settled. The League Covenant was made part and parcel of the Peace Treaty; the League was not designed as a close preserve for the Allies alone, neutral States, and even the defeated nations, after a period of probation, were admitted; and the League, as a dictator caucus, was not, very wisely, permitted to evolve.

To-morrow, we shall write about the League Covenant, the aims of the League, and the undertakings of the signatories to the League Covenant.

#### News in Brief.

Yesterday's lowest open air temperature was 56°. Humidity at 10 a.m. was 72, and 73 at 4 p.m.

A young Chinese woman was found hanging from her bed post in a cubicle at 27, D'Almeida Street yesterday. Suicide is suspected.

Lui Koo, (61), a chair-cooler, was sent to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday with injuries to his head, thought to be a fracture of the skull, received as the result of a fall while engaged in cleaning a window at 307 The Peak. The residence of Mr. V. M. Grayburn, Chief Manager of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

## WOMAN SOLD FOR THIRTY DOLLARS.

Hospital Attendant's  
Wife the Victim.

RECOVERED IN MACAO.

The sale of the wife of a Chinese attendant at a Singapore hospital, and her subsequent recovery from Macao, was described by Inspector John Murphy in the Central Police Court this morning, when, before Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones, he charged a woman and three men with having taken part in the unlawful sale.

Fourth defendant's plea of not guilty was accepted, and he was accordingly discharged by the Magistrate. The prosecutor said that the woman had lived with the hospital attendant. On February 3, they came to Hong Kong, and, on arrival, were met by the discharged defendant, who induced them to lodge with him at 259 Hollywood Road. They agreed and paid 50 cents a day for their board. On February 9, the attendant got sick and was taken to the Tung Wah Hospital for treatment. He was discharged four days later, and on returning home, found his wife, her luggage missing. He reported the matter to the Police, and on February 14, pointed out the host to a District Watchman, who effected an arrest. He told the Police that the girl was in Macao, and had been taken there by a woman (not arrested) who did not actually go herself.

In co-operation with the local Police authorities, the Macao Police arrested the second and third defendants. The attendant's wife was found in a brothel in Macao. Yesterday evening the first defendant (the woman) was arrested and brought down here, where she admitted that she had sold the girl to the mistress of a brothel for \$30, of which sum the two men received \$5 each, for the trouble they had taken in the matter. Even if the woman was willing to go to Macao, he concluded, that was no defence.

All the defendants were sentenced to six months' hard labour each.

## IN POSSESSION OF ARMS & AMMUNITION.

Without A Licence.

12 MONTHS' HARD.

Found to have possession of three Mauser pistols, and 260 rounds of ammunition, Pun Sze, a Chinese coolie, was arrested coming off the s.s. Andre Lebon. When charged at the Kowloon Magistracy, this morning, defendant pleaded: not guilty, and disclaimed all knowledge of the arms. The ammunition and pistols were discovered in a girdle tied around his waist. When arrested, searched and confronted with the pistols and ammunition, defendant alleged that a cook had given them to him, but when taken back on board the ship, he failed to locate the man. A box of ammunition was also found in his coat pocket.

Sentence of 12 months' hard labour was imposed.

#### THE BRITISH PREMIER.

Leaves Nursing Home.

Rugby, Yesterday. The Prime Minister, who left the nursing home this morning, proceeded to Downing Street, where he presided over a meeting of the Cabinet.

This afternoon, he left for Chequers, where he will spend some days.

It is undecided yet where he will spend the "three weeks' holiday," which the doctors have ordered. British Wireless Service.

The Kailan Mining Administration's total output for the week ended January 30, 1932, amounted to 68,888 metric tons; and the sales during the period to 92,967 metric tons.

Charged with the theft of two pieces of iron piping from 17, Gage Street, the scene of a recent fire, a Chinese pleaded guilty before Mr. Wynne-Jones this morning and was given seven days' jail.

Chun Fung, Wai, Tok, two Chinese constables standing charged with conspiracy to extort money from hawkers, were, yesterday, sentenced to six and four months' imprisonment respectively.

By Louis Golding.

## THE FRETWORKER THE STORY OF HENRY DERRICKS.

In the subtle technique  
of this hobby his soul  
flowered into ecstasy.

In my time I have encountered a few devoted idealists, but none so devoted as Henry Derricks. I might place close beside him a gentleman whose acquaintance I made lately in a newsreel, who has spent the last forty or fifty years of his life building a replica in marble of Milan Cathedral to its minutest detail. But for that gentleman's labour there is, after all, something to show, something to stand up in the eye of the world. I would rather compare Derricks to that German of whom I read lately that when a boy he set himself to dealing himself a whisk hand at cards. "His ambition was some day to name each card accurately before he lifted it." I cannot recall whether he dealt himself millions or billions of hands before he succeeded. But eventually, an old man, he did succeed. He died almost immediately after.

My own Henry Derricks is not dead yet. I knew him first a score of years ago, when I was a boy. His name, I repeat, was Henry. His own children always called him Henry. He was the sort of father whom babies in their cradles do not seek to call "Da-da!" with a lifting of the little hands and a dribbling at the corners of the mouth. They seek to call him by his first name, and never use any other. His position in his own household was that of a meek stepchild.

He had worked for many years at a brewery near our street. He had always had a weak digestion, and every morning as he entered the yard of the brewery his inside heaved a little as the lush warm smell of malt and hops assailed him.

His wife and son were theatricals who were always giving Parties to their theatrical friends—the Boys. Henry was not invited to attend these Parties, which was very fortunate. For he could not abide the smell of beer. Instead they sent him round to the jug-and-bottle department of the Lamb and the Lion.

He would knock timidly at the door of the jug-and-bottle department. Everybody inside knew at once who it was that rapped. It was the rapping of one who has been sent forth to fetch beer, which other people than himself will drink, the rapping of one to whom beer is woe. The habitues winked at each other. And: "Good evening, Henry," proclaimed the landlady, even before she slid the panel aside.

"Good evening, ma'am," said Henry respectfully. He reached forth two large jugs. "Two quarts of old, please," he said. "Another Party to-night, Henry?" asked a voice.

"Yes," said Henry. "They've all come. All the Boys. We're going to have a grand Party to-night."

The hatjones sniffed. "We," indeed! They knew where Henry Derricks would be while the Party was going on. He would be upstairs in the back bedroom doing fretwork. For it was in the subtle technique of fretwork that Henry's soul flowered into ecstasy. From year to year, mystically, he fretted photo-frames, and cigarette-boxes, and menu-card holders.

A Strong Man was regularly present at Mrs. Derricks's Parties. Before the evening was over all the photo-frames, the menu-card holders were smashed like eggshells between the fingers of the Strong Man. It was really no tribute to the Strong Man's powers to be able to smash them. But perhaps it was a good thing. It gave Henry something to set his mind on while the high links went on below. His handiwork, finely manufactured, menu-card holders, it was his own secret dream that some day someone would put menu-cards in those menu-card holders. But

the menu at Mrs. Derricks's Parties did not vary sufficiently to justify the use of them. There was beer and faggots, or beer and tripe, or beer and black puddings. Sometimes there were winkles, too, or pigs' trotters, or cowheels. But there was beer always.

Henry did not suspend his fretworking during the war. He was too old to be a soldier, and war-time food conditions made his inside more squeamish than ever. But he made his contribution to the success of the Allied cause by providing it with a younger son who gallantly won the D.C.M. When the same young man returned to our street one of the most celebrated Parties in the history of the Derricks household was given.

Those of the Boys that remained took a jug of beer to Henry's bedroom and insisted on his celebrating the hero's homecoming. They had to force it down his mouth, for beer still upset him at the best of times; he would sooner have taken a drop of weed-killer and got out of it altogether. The Boys were shocked at his unfatherly, treasonable behaviour. They forced the stuff down his throat.

No, Henry Derricks got very little fun out of the war. But it made him an expert hand at fretting pipe-racks, which he sent off to the trenches regularly. And in the officers' parcels he invariably included a menu-card holder or two.

I met Henry again quite recently. He had been pensioned off from the brewery for years, so he devoted his days as well as his evenings to fretworking. I found him not at all so meek a little man as he used to be, but that was chiefly because his wife had become an almost irrecognisably moony and gentle creature. Henry, head of the household now, ruled it with a rod of iron or, to be exact, with a fretwork chisel.

He still frets countless cigarette-boxes, photo-frames, and menu-card holders. And what he does with them still puzzles me. A certain quantity, I learn, is absorbed by church bazaars, so he has the satisfaction of knowing that at last, in the houses of the richer parishioners, some of these menu-card holders actually hold menus.

But he makes much more fretwork than those church bazaars can get through. What becomes of these photo-frames and cigarette-boxes? You hardly ever see their corpses, so to speak, just as you hardly ever see the corpses of birds or rabbits in the woodlands.

Henry Derricks gets up in the morning to make the fire while his family is asleep. Perhaps that helps to one explanation of the mystery. Perhaps he makes the fire with the corpses. In some ways it is a magnificent thought. After half a century devoted to the art of fretwork, Henry Derricks is still not quite convinced he has turned out the perfect menu-card holder, the Platonic phantasm of the ineffable Menu-card Holder.

#### Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of February 18, 1922.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/5 5/8.

The Hong Kong Hotel's new motor coaches, a China Mail reporter ascertained this morning, will begin operating during Race Week. Coaches will run about every 10 minutes from the Hong Kong Hotel to Happy Valley and the Mui Wo. 50 cents each, way. Time tables will be advertised to-morrow.

It is hoped to begin the service to Plover Bay on March 1. A definite running schedule has still to be arranged. But it has been decided that the fare each way will be a dollar.



## PRIMO BENITO MUSSOLINI

ITALY'S GREAT MAN.

A Phenomenon or An Actor?  
An Unusual Interview.

By S. J. Woolf.

In Italy Mussolini is a phenomenon; in England or America he would probably be either an actor or an impresario, or even a sensational financier.

His office in the Chigi Palace is a tremendous room, about forty feet square, and in one corner, placed diagonally, is a large table, with a lamp on it. Behind the table, staring, with his right hand raised in salute, stood a man. As I entered the first thing I saw was the whites of his eyes. These glistened and made his pupils seem intensely black and bead-like. The stare was so intense that it might almost have been the look of a fanatic, and it dominated everything in the room, says Mr. Woolf in the Evening Standard.



It was not until later I noticed the marble floor, with its thick Oriental rugs, the two globes, one celestial and one terrestrial, each over five feet in diameter, the table to one side with a model of a Roman galley, and its companion piece against the opposite wall with a photograph of Sir Austen Chamberlain, and also the old tapestries that hung against the tapestries.

## Sheer Intensity.

Though not nearly so tall as Mussolini's pictures made him appear, by sheer intensity and vital force he dwarfed the immensity of his surroundings. As some skilled artist by a clever manipulation of perspective manages to centre the entire attention of the onlooker on one figure, so, on entering the room, all the lines of perspective appeared to vanish in this one comparatively small figure behind the table. There was nothing in the room but Mussolini.

The hand that had been raised in salutation dropped suddenly, and as I advanced towards the table it was stretched across it to grasp mine.

"I am not going to pose for you," he said as he sat down and busied himself with some papers, but there was a suspicion of a smile in those dark eyes as he spoke. "So sit down and get your things ready."

For a few minutes he concentrated upon his papers before him, then he looked up with a smile. "Life is very short," he said, "and there is so much to do."

Sixteen Hours a Day.

"Life is work," he continued. "You see my methods and the power that the Fascists have won has brought to me a tremendous responsibility, and it means that I have to work about sixteen hours each day."

"This is in decided contrast to my former life, although I have always worked hard. I had to suppose you know my history. It is similar to that of thousands of other boys born in similar circumstances."

"My father was a blacksmith; I studied to become a teacher, taught for a while, went to exile in Switzerland, had a very hard time — in fact, was a mason there, came back to Italy, and began writing for a Socialist paper."

Mussolini's English is good, but his sentences are short.

"Then the war came," he went on, "and from it and its after effects I learned many lessons. The war began in August, 1914, and within two months of that time I was no longer a Socialist. I saw that their theories were not my ideals. But I needed experience to learn that lesson."

"After the war Bolshevism was sowing its seeds here, strikes were becoming numerous, our money was worth little, and while the stated causes of agitation were always economic, in truth they were political, and the aim was to undermine the State's authority with the idea of establishing Soviets."

"That band of ever growing patriots, the Fascists, firmly held their places during strikes, realising with true patriotic zeal that the real sufferer in all these disputes was the Italian nation."

"At last we got into power, and the world knows what has happened."

From a glass that stood beside him he sipped some water. His black eyes flashed.

"I took over the direction of the State when it was at its lowest ebb. We have changed from a nation of disorder into a people well ordered and disciplined."

"For six years now I have given up every personal thing and devoted all my energies to effecting improvements for Italy."

Suddenly Mussolini stopped speaking. He stared at me darkly — indeed with something of the expression of a man who is trying to frighten a child. I endeavoured to conceal a smile. He saw my efforts and began to smile himself. There is something child-like about him: a desire to produce theatrical effects, but beyond this is a tremendous sense of humour, and a certain lovable quality that is hard to describe.

From nowhere, apparently, someone had appeared. Words so low as to be almost inaudible were exchanged, and Mussolini arose, stood very erect behind his desk and rubbed his hands together. Slowly over his countenance spread that terrifying stare, directed towards the door, but I noticed there was a sidelong glance to see the effect upon me. Someone entered, his hand went up in salute, and the stare became more intense, almost a grimace.

Range of Emotions.

It had the desired effect; for the visitor, evidently awed, tipped towards the table. It was with difficulty that he found his voice and began to speak. Mussolini beckoned him to sit in a large red chair that was standing on the opposite side of the table, but he himself remained standing. Then began a most remarkable performance.

The visitor spoke, for what seemed an interminable time he kept up a continual stream of talk, but the President said nothing. His expression, however, and his actions, were more eloquent than any number of words. There was hardly an emotion that was not portrayed in those ten or fifteen minutes of one-sided conversation by the silent party to it. During that time Mussolini showed anger and pleasure, disgust, hatred, satisfaction and impatience; he showed these feelings not alone by the expressions on his face, but by his entire body.

From an imperious Caesar he changed to a rollicking Falstaff; the eagle of an Imperial Rome became a slinking cat, and with feline movements and grace almost slid over the table that separated him from his visitor; suddenly the claws were stretched out as if ready to scratch, and as suddenly they were drawn in and one almost waited for a purr. The interview was ended, the visitor arose, and as he walked

## SHARE MARKET.

Lower Level of Rates.

FEW TRANSACTIONS.

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange to-day states: A lower level of rates being established this morning's session brought in some buying orders, and a few transactions were recorded.

**Sales.**  
Hong Kong Trans., \$22.80 Ex. Div.  
Hong Kong Electric, \$76 1/2/76 1/2.  
Cements (Comb.), \$16 1/4.  
Constructions (old), \$1.85/87 1/2.  
**Buyers.**  
Union Insurance, \$400.  
Hong Kong Lands, \$76 Ex. Div.  
Chinese Estates, \$95.  
Hong Kong Ropes, \$16.40.  
Dairy Farms, \$29 1/2.  
Amusements, \$19.  
Govt. Loans, 3 per cent. Prem.  
**Sellers.**  
Douglases, \$25 1/2.  
Wharves, \$156.  
Docks, \$29.  
Hotels (old), \$13.60.

## FUNERAL.

Andreza Lisola  
Rocha.

The funeral of Mrs. Andreza Lisola Rocha took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, last evening, being attended by many mourners. The Rev. Fr. Kerek, of the Salesian Institute, officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were the bereaved husband and children, and there were also other relatives present.

The many floral tributes included the following from the members of the family: "Sorrowing husband and children," "Brothers and Sisters," "Nina and Adicio," "Tony, Stella and Mercis," "Amaro, Augusta and children," "Pepito and Amy," "Louis and Sisters," "Hilda, Elsa and Nidia."

## CENSURE MOTION DEFEATED.

London, Yesterday.

The House of Commons, to-day, rejected by 415 votes to 39 an Opposition vote of censure on Government for "failing to initiate effective measures to reconstruct the economic life of Britain."

A judge must sometimes have more patience than Job — Judge Crawford.

If I am ever found out and sent to prison, I should prefer to go to Borstal — Mr. Clynes.

towards the door Mussolini drew himself up to military attention and appeared to concentrate upon the back of his caller's head. The look was intense as if he were trying to extract every thought from it. When the stranger reached the door he turned and up went his hand, and Mussolini's did likewise. As the door closed, he turned and with a half smile and a sigh, resembling an actor who appears before the curtain for applause, resumed his seat.

Home — to Work.

As if there had been no interruption he took up his conversation where it had been broken off. He continued thus:—

"For six years I have given up everything for the State. Except for a horseback ride in the morning I have not had the time to devote to any other exercise."

I asked why it was necessary for him to give so much of his own time to the Government, now that it was running smoothly.

"Because, I realise," he said, "that I dominate the Party, and it is because I realise this fact that I have the ability to keep the Party alive. New and unforeseen things continually arise. The Fascist had followed me during the trying periods almost blindly. To disband the Party and retire would have seemed impossible to me."

Gathering together all his papers into his portfolio, he arose. Suddenly his secretary appeared with the evening journals. Mussolini took them with his portfolio under his arm, and, putting his hat on and tapping his crown, he turned to me and said:—

"It's half-past eight. I am going home."

"I asked,"

"No," he replied, "I am never tired. Now I am going home to work."

## THE TEN-SHILLING HOUSES

MR. E. D. SIMON ON MINISTRY CIRCULAR.

Advocate of Rent Allowances.

Mr. E. D. Simon, speaking at a luncheon of the Town and Counties Club, Manchester, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Sydney Frankenburg, on "Housing," said it was a tragic fact that after ten years' gigantic effort in housing, on which we had spent over \$1,000,000,000, the slums were, as far as any medical officer of health could say, about as bad as they were ten years ago. Unfortunately, we did not know what the slums were like ten years ago, because nobody really bothered to inquire.

Mr. Simon referred to the housing surveys made by private individuals in Manchester and Salford, which gave a graphic picture of the conditions in which people were living in the slums to-day. The number of people living there was about 10 per cent. less than in 1921, so that something had been done to relieve the pressure, but when one looked at overcrowding the worst cases seemed to him worse than before.

A similar inquiry in Liverpool had revealed the fact that in one section of Liverpool about a third of the people were living in overcrowded conditions, but when the children were counted it was found that two-thirds of them were so living. He had never seen that brought out before. Obviously the one test of slum conditions was whether or not the children were growing up in satisfactory conditions. He hoped medical officers would take a tip from these Liverpool inquirers and in future show not only the total overcrowding but the proportion of the children so living.

## The Only Solution.

The only way to solve this problem was to build large numbers of houses and let them at rents people could afford to pay. Clearly we had not done this. There were, however, two factors which were going to be helpful. One was that building costs had come down very substantially in the last four or five years, and the Ministry of Health, in a circular issued the previous day, stated their view that most towns could now build a family house to let at 10s. For some reason Manchester houses had been very expensive in recent years (he had not long ago seen a list of Manchester houses to be built in which the rents of family houses ranged from 15s. up to about 20s.), but now he hoped that Manchester would begin to do what Birmingham

and Liverpool had been doing for some years.

The other factor was that the population of Manchester and Salford would probably substantially decrease during the next decade. There were many disadvantages about that, but it was going to be an advantage from the point of view of housing. The one serious difficulty was finance, a difficulty likely to get much worse if the world went on in its present condition. It was always conceivable that we might have to cut down seriously on housing.

He congratulated the National Government on having made no economy whatever in the housing subsidy. But it was quite hopeless to expect the subsidy to be increased, and the present subsidy, even with the 10s. house, although that was a great step, did not enable them to move out to the housing estates those who needed help most.

What had happened so far was that of those who needed help most, not a single one of them had gone into a new Corporation house. The crowded slum families were getting nothing out of the result of all this housing campaign, and were actually paying a penny or two-pence a week more on their rates while there were others with 5s a week in the Corporation houses and getting the subsidy that was partly paid by these desperately poor people in the slums. Mr. Simon said he knew of a town in which both the town clerk and the medical officer lived in subsidy houses.

## Working-Class Cycle.

Almost every working-class family went through the regular cycle of being well off, then poor, and then well off again. But it was just at the period when the family was poor, because it had the expenses of the children to meet, that it required a large house, which it could not possibly afford to pay for. If the capitalist system was to survive it had got to adopt something which the social conscience would accept. Somehow, we had to devise large houses for working-class families at the time they were needed.

Mr. Simon suggested that there was only one possible way of doing that, which was by some system of children's rent allowance, or a name some did not like — differential rating. Miss Eleanor Rathbone, M.P., had produced quite irresistible arguments for the system.

## PISTOL DUEL IN STREET.

Fight to Death Over Girl in Sydney.

Hundreds of persons witnessed a fierce gun duel between two young men in William Street, Darlinghurst, said a message from Sydney recently. At least eight shots were fired before the police seized the men, one of whom died shortly afterwards at St. Vincent's Hospital.

His name was Frederick Roberts (35 years), of Darlinghurst. The other man, James White (28 years), of Kellert Street, Darlinghurst, has been formally charged with having murdered Roberts.

The duel was the outcome of a quarrel concerning a young woman. She was present during the shooting, and one of the bullets crashed through the window of a frock shop, shattering the plate glass above her head. It was during a busy period that the affray occurred, and motorists, hurriedly bringing their vehicles to a standstill out of the firing line, and the hundreds of people who quickly collected, caused a traffic jam.

According to the story told to the police by Rene Carsons, formerly of Dubbo, a man whom she did not know accosted her during the afternoon, and made certain advances to her, which she hotly resented. The matter ended there until she informed White, with whom she was living, of what had occurred. It was about 8.30 at night that she and White were walking up William Street towards King's Cross, when they saw Roberts, who had intended to meet her there, she said, and White, and White approached the man.

An argument ensued between the two men, and Roberts then drew a small automatic revolver and fired two shots in quick succession.

The crowd in the street dissolved into near-by doorways, and into shops. White dodged behind a small kerbside post, to which a waste paper holder was attached. He crouched down, and drawing an old-fashioned revolver from his pocket, fired at his adversary, who again opened fire from across the street, to where he had run.

The first two bullets fired by White hit Roberts on his left side beneath his heart, but the bullets fired in return all went wide, though one hit the pavement within a foot of where White was crouching.

Roberts turned and ran down the street, swaying from side to side, and blood was running down the front of his fashionably tailored suit. He was seized by a constable who came up the street at the sound of the firing, and another constable gripped White, who was endeavouring to release his revolver, which had jammed after three shots had been fired.

When Roberts was admitted to hospital, it was seen that he was beyond aid. One bullet had either touched his heart or had passed dangerously close to it. White and the young woman were taken to the Darlinghurst Police Station, where White was charged.

## FRANCE AND R101.

The French Government has tabled a bill for the opening of an extraordinary credit of 100,000 francs (£200,000 at par) under the Budget of the Ministry of Air for the erection of a monument to commemorate the R101.

The monument is to be erected on the site near Beauvais, where the disaster occurred.

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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

### TRINITY COLLEGE OF MUSIC, LONDON.

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The Last Day of Entry For Forthcoming Examinations In **THEORY AND PRACTICAL** Will Be 27th February, 1932. Entry Forms May Be Obtained From The Local Secretary.

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## COMPANY MEETINGS

### HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 27th February, 1932, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1931.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 15th February, to SATURDAY, the 27th February, 1932 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
**V. M. GRAYBURN,**  
Chief Manager.  
Hong Kong, 8th February, 1932.

### HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the SEVENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 9th day of March, 1932, at the BOARD ROOM of the Company, Second Floor, Exchange Building, Hong Kong, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the Financial Year ended 31st December, 1931, and re-electing Two Directors and the Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd to 5th March, 1932, both days inclusive.

Dated this 15th day of February, 1932.  
By Order of the Board,  
**W. L. McKENZIE,**  
Secretary.  
14, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong.

## GENERAL NOTICES.

### NOTICE.

All Firms, Associations, Clubs, etc., who have not yet sent in the particulars of their concerns for the 1932 issue of the Hong Kong Dollar Directory are requested to forward the necessary information to the publishers without delay.

**The HONG KONG DOLLAR DIRECTORY CO.,**  
China Mail Building,  
3A, Wyndham Street.

## GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

**PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS** of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 22nd day of February, 1932, at 3 p.m. at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land near Wong Nei Chung Gap, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Lot No.	Area	Location	Remarks
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## COMPANY MEETINGS

### HUMPHREYS' ESTATE & FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Annual Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, the 20th February, 1932, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1931.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 18th February, to MONDAY, 20th February, both days inclusive.

**JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,**  
General Managers.  
Hong Kong, 10th February, 1932.

### HONG KONG REALTY AND TRUST CO., LTD.

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of Hong Kong Realty and Trust Company, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Exchange Building (2nd Floor), Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd March, 1932, at 12 Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended on the 31st December, 1931, and re-electing Two Directors and the Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 17th February, 1932, to WEDNESDAY, the 2nd March, 1932, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
**F. C. BARRY,**  
Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 2nd February, 1932.

## LAMMERT BROS.

—AUCTIONEERS, APPRAISERS AND SURVEYORS.—

**Public Auctions—**

## SPORTS NOTICES.

### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

#### ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1932

20th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 27th February, 1932.

**ON SATURDAY 20th, MONDAY 22nd, TUESDAY 23rd, and WEDNESDAY 24th February, the first bell will be rung at 11 a.m., and the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. On Saturday, the 27th February, the first bell will be rung at 1 p.m., and the first race will be run at 1.30 p.m.**

The time interval will be taken after the fifth race on the first four days.

### MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members are reminded that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed. No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively), are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a Member, such Member to be responsible for all debts, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

A limited number of Tiffins will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, Telephone No. 21920.

No on pretext will children be permitted to enter enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting.

**PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.**  
The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$4.00 per day including tax for all persons, including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

**SERVANTS' PASSES.**  
Passes for Servants will be issued on application to the Secretary, 3rd Floor, Gloucester Building. Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,  
**C. B. BROWN,**  
Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 8th February, 1932.

## UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited) of Denmark:

Tienhemo, from Shanghai.  
Stanzweil, from Kefjo.  
**F. V. JENSEN,**  
Superintendent.  
Hong Kong, February 17, 1932.

## EXCHANGES.

### TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

#### On London—

Bank, wire ..... 1/5 3/4  
Bank, on demand ..... 1/5 5/16  
Bank, 4 months' sight 1/5 7/16

Credits, 4 months' sight ..... 1/6 3/4  
Documentary, 4 months' sight ..... 1/6 3/4

**On Paris—**  
On demand ..... 630  
Credits, 4 months' sight ..... 685

**On Berlin—**  
On demand ..... Nom.  
Credits, 60 days' sight 26 1/4

**On New York—**  
On demand ..... 24 1/4  
Credits, 60 days' sight 26 1/4

**On Bombay—**  
Wire ..... 95 1/4  
On demand ..... 95 1/4

**On Calcutta—**  
Wire ..... 95 1/4  
On demand ..... 95 1/4

**On Singapore—**  
On demand ..... 61 1/4  
On Manila—

On demand ..... 49 1/4  
On Shanghai—

On demand ..... 77 1/2  
Dollar ..... Par.

**On Yokohama—**  
On demand ..... 70 1/4  
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) ..... 1/6 3/4

Silver (per oz.) ..... 19 9/16  
Bar Silver in Hong Kong

Kong ..... Nom.  
Copper Cash ..... Nom.

Copper Cents ..... 1% prem.  
Rate of Native Interest ..... 3 1/4% p.a.

Chinese Sub. Coin ..... 29% dis.  
Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par.

## LONDON EXCHANGES

### Rugby, Yesterday.

Paris ..... 87 7/16  
New York ..... 3.44 1/4

Montreal ..... 3.95  
Brussels ..... 24.70

Geneva ..... 17 21/32  
Amsterdam ..... 8.52

Milan ..... 65 1/4  
Berlin ..... 14.50

Stockholm ..... 17 1/2  
Copenhagen ..... 18 1/2

Oslo ..... 18 1/2  
Vienna ..... 32 Nominal

Prague ..... 116 1/2  
Helsingfors ..... 220

Madrid ..... 44 9/16  
Lisbon ..... 109 3/4

Athens ..... 270  
Bucharest ..... 577 1/4

Rio ..... 4 9/16  
Buenos Aires ..... 39 1/4

Montevideo ..... 31  
Bombay ..... 1/6 5/32

Shanghai ..... 1/11 5/32  
Hong Kong ..... 1/5 21/32

Yokohama ..... 2/- 1/2  
Silver Spot ..... 19 9/16

Silver Forward ..... 19 11/16  
—British Wireless Service.

## STANDARD TIMES.

### Sunrise and Sunset in Colony.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for February, 1932, (Standard time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich), are as follows:—

Date Sunrise Sunset

18 ..... 6.54 6.21

19 ..... 6.54 6.22

20 ..... 6.53 6.22

21 ..... 6.52 6.23

22 ..... 6.51 6.23

23 ..... 6.50 6.23

24 ..... 6.49 6.24

25 ..... 6.48 6.24

26 ..... 6.48 6.25

27 ..... 6.47 6.26

28 ..... 6.47 6.26

29 ..... 6.46 6.27

## HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

### Opening Daily Official Quotations, Feb. 18, 1932.

Next Settlement Day, Friday, February 26, 1932.

STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Notes	Fin. year	Last dividend and when paid
<b>Banks.</b>						
Hong Kong Bank	1080	98	Dec.			(Final Div. for 1931) Pending
Chartered Bank	11 1/2	11 1/2	Dec.			Int. 7 1/2% Sub. to 1/2% for 1931 Sep. 31, 31
Maritime Bank	18	18	Dec.			Int. 7 1/2% Sub. to 1/2% for 1931 Sep. 31, 31
Bank of Asia	127 1/2	127 1/2	Dec.			Int. 7 1/2% Sub. to 1/2% for 1931 Feb. 28, 31
<b>Insurance.</b>						
Canton Ins.	1850	1850	Dec.			(Final Div. for 1931) May 19, 31
Union Ins.	400	400	Dec.			(Final Div. for 1931) May 31, 31
China Underwriters	4,694	4,694	Dec.			None
China Fire Ins.	900	900	Dec.			(Final Div. for 1931) May 31, 31
H. K. Fire Ins.	1250	1250	Dec.			(Final Div. for 1931) Mar. 26, 31
<b>Shipping.</b>						
Douglases	30 1/2	30 1/2	Dec.			Last dividend for 1931
H. K. Steamships	33	33	Dec.			(12% ex. 1/2% on preferred) Mar. 6, 31
Indo-China (Pref.)	45	45	Dec.			(12% ex. 1/2% on preferred) June 10, 31
Shells Bearer	46 1/2	46 1/2	Dec.			Last dividend for 1931
Union Waterboats	35	35	Dec.			(Final Div. for 1931) July 6, 31
<b>Mining.</b>						
Benguet	11 1/2	11 1/2	Dec.			Fourth Int. Div. for 1931 Dec. 19, 31
Kailash Mining Ad.	26 1/2	26 1/2	Dec.			(12% ex. 1/2% on preferred) Dec. 31, 31
Langkat (Single)	4	4	Oct.			7.50 for year 31-10-31 May 6, 31
Shai Exploration	2.10	2.10	Dec.			None
Loans	2	2	Dec.			(Final Div. for 1931) Feb. 8, 31
Rauba	59	59	Mar.			Int. 7 1/2% Sub. to 1/2% for 1931 Pending
Venezuela Gold Fields	2	2	Mar.			Int. 7 1/2% Sub. to 1/2% for 1931 Pending
<b>Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &amp;c.</b>						
H. K. & W. Docks	10	10	Dec.			Int. 7 1/2% Sub. to 1/2% for 1931 Mar. 19, 31
South Ch. Docks (A)	12	12	Dec.			Last dividend for 1931
China Dock (old)	5	5	Dec.			(10% ex. 1/2% on preferred) Apr. 6, 31
China Dock (new)	2.80	2.80	Dec.			(10% ex. 1/2% on preferred) Oct. 3, 31
Hongkong Dock	250	250	Dec.			Int. 7 1/2% Sub. to 1/2% for 1931 Mar. 4, 31
Shanghai Docks	90 1/2	90 1/2	Apr.			Int. 7 1/2% Sub. to 1/2% for 1931 July 29, 31
<b>Lands, Hotels &amp; Buildings.</b>						
H. K. & S. H. (old)	18.80	18.80	Dec.			30 cents for 1931
H. K. Lands (new)	18.30	18.30	Dec.			Final Div. for 1931 Apr. 16, 31
Shanghai Lands	80	80	Dec.			Int. 7 1/2% Sub. to 1/2% for 1931 Feb. 16, 31
Humphreys (old)	10 1/2	10 1/2	Dec.			Int. 7 1/2% Sub. to 1/2% for 1931 July 30, 31
H. K. Realities	11.85	11.85	Dec.			(10% ex. 1/2% on preferred) Pending
Chinese Estates	85	85	Feb.			Int. 7 1/2% Sub. to 1/2% for 1931 Jan. 30, 31
<b>Cotton Mills.</b>						
Ewo Cottons	14 1/2	14 1/2	Dec.			Int. 7 1/2% Sub. to 1/2% for 1931 Mar. 13, 31
Shanghai Cotton	80 1/2	80 1/2	Dec.			Int. 7 1/2% Sub. to 1/2% for 1931 Dec. 31, 31
Zoong Sings	11 1/2	11 1/2	June			Int. 7 1/2% Sub. to 1/2% for 1931 Oct. 8, 31
<b>Public Utilities.</b>						
H. K. Tramways	20.80	20.80	Dec.			Final Div. for 1931 Feb. 17, 31
Peak Tram (old)	15.60	15.60	Dec.			(10% ex. 1/2% on preferred) June 10, 31
Star Ferry	9	9	Apr.			(10% ex. 1/2% on preferred) June 10, 31
Yankee Ferry	94	94	Dec.			Int. 7 1/2% Sub. to 1/2% for 1931 June 11, 31
China Light (old)	21.00	21.00	Dec.			Int. 7 1/2% Sub. to 1/2% for 1931 Dec. 31, 31
China Light (new)	21.40	21.40	Dec.			Int. 7 1/2% Sub. to 1/2% for 1931 Mar. 18, 31
H. K. Electric	76 1/2	76 1/2	Dec.			Int. 7 1/2% Sub. to 1/2% for 1931
Macao	48	48	Dec.			Final Div. for 1931 Pending
Sandakan Light	18	18	June			Int. 7 1/2% Sub. to 1/2% for 1931 Feb. 26, 31





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HARUNA MARU	Saturday, 5th March.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.	
KITANO MARU	Saturday, 27th February.
ATSUTA MARU	Saturday, 26th March.
MANILA.	
SHINYO MARU	Wednesday, 2nd March.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.	
† TOTTORI MARU	Monday, 29th February.
KAGA MARU	Friday, 11th March.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.	
RAKUYO MARU	Thursday, 17th March.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.	
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Stamboul (Constantinople), Genoa & Marseilles.	
† LYONS MARU	Monday, 14th March.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
† RANGOON MARU	Monday, 29th February.
† NAGATO MARU	Tuesday, 8th March.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	
KASHIMA MARU	Saturday, 20th February.
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† HAKODATE MARU (Mojil direct)	Tuesday, 1st March.
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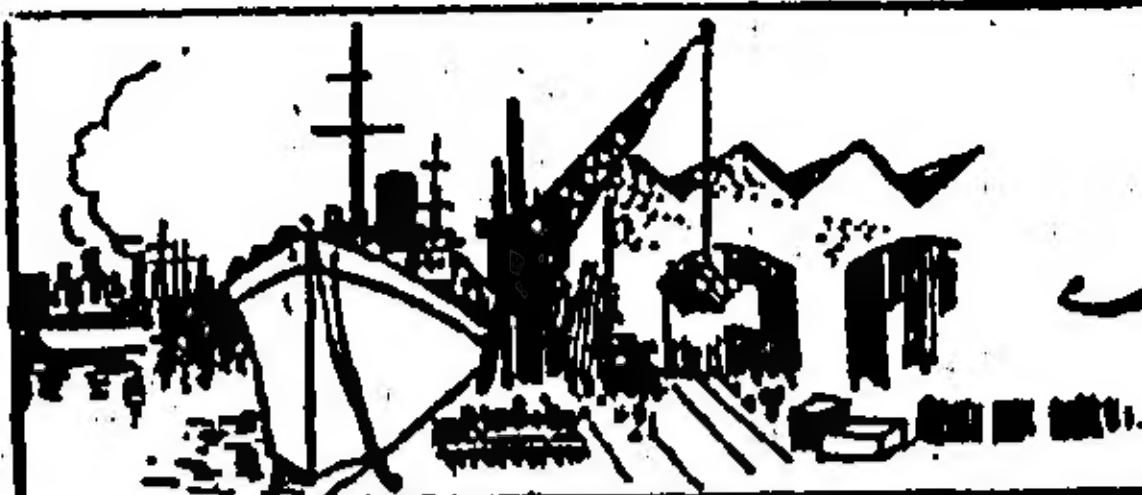
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MOMBASA, ZANZIBAR, DAR-ES-SALAAM, BEIRA, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, PORT ELIZABETH & CAPE TOWN.	Arizona Maru	Mon., 7th Mar.
THENCE TO RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Singapore & Colombo.		
BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, AUCKLAND & WELLINGTON via Manila.	Sydney Maru	Sat., 5th Mar.
JAPAN PORTS (Frequent Services).	Hamburg Maru	Sun., 21st Feb.
LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP via Singapore, Colombo, Suez & Port Said.	Amazon Maru	Fri., 11th Mar.
NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama. Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Kwanto Maru	Thurs., 10th Mar.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Belawan, Deli & Colombo.	Shunko Maru	Fri., 19th Feb.
	Sydney Maru	Wed., 24th Feb.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Honolulu Maru	Fri., 19th Feb.
HAIPHONG via Hanoi.	Sumatra Maru	Thurs., 3rd Mar.
	Menado Maru	Sat., 20th Feb.
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (3 p.m. every Sunday).	Canton Maru	Sun., 28th Feb.
JAPAN PORTS via Takao & Keelung.	Canada Maru	Thurs., 10th Mar.
TAKAO via Swatow & Amoy (Fortnightly).	Deli Maru	Thurs., 26th Feb.

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# Shipping Intelligence

## MODEL SHIPS

## MERSEYSIDE CLUB'S PROGRESS.

### The "Masters."

In Great George Square, Liverpool, stand these honest-fronted houses in which sea captains of fifty years ago lived—or in which, rather, the wives waited while the husbands raced their clippers round the Cape of Good Hope with cargoes of tea from China or wool from Australia. It is appropriate that the newly formed Merseyside Model Ship Makers' Club should have found its first home in the Square. The club, it is true, concerns itself with shipping of every type, from the primitive, curragh and the galleons of Spain to the latest liner; but now, alas, that another generation of sailors grows up, it has become one of the few remaining guardians of the lore of sailing-ships. In its models the masts may be of matchwood, the sails an inch of cotton, and the ropes of thread, but to the last detail the whole rigging of the ship must be accurate.

The club has its tentative beginnings last September, following the Liverpool Shipping Exhibition. Eight men who loved models of anything that sailed the sea joined forces. In less than four months the membership is ten times multiplied. In the meantime the club has been lucky in obtaining very suitable premises in the basement of a house in Great George Square. The long cellar-like apartment has been cleaned, white-washed, and painted by the members themselves. A few flags, pictures, and models of ships have given the cold walls a more intimate look. On one side there is a carpenter's bench and an abundance of tools. A broad white deal table occupies the middle of the room. At most hours of the day you may be certain of finding someone by the bench, carving a hull or lacing the rigging threads through minute pulleys.

## POST OFFICE NOTICE

It is notified for the information of holders of Private Boxes at the General Post Office that on and after February 1 no taxed correspondence will be placed in the Boxes. A notification will be substituted and Box-holders are requested to call or send for the correspondence at the Box-holders' Lobby, and there pay the amount of the Tax against the delivery of the letters or packets.

Information has been received that the Siberian route is uninterrupted and the service by this route will accordingly be resumed forthwith.

The Public are, however, warned that, as this Service is somewhat precarious and still liable to suspension without notice, letters will only be accepted at senders' risk. In the event of the service being again suspended all letters will be forwarded via Suez.

## INWARD MAILS.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18.	
Calcutta and Straits	Kum Sang
Australia and Manila	Atsuta Maru
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19.	
Japan	Sirhana
Manila	President Cleveland
Japan	Hakusan Maru
Japan	Shinjo Maru
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20.	
Europe via Negapatam (Letters and Papers, London, Jan. 21)	Kashima Maru
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver, B.C., Jan. 30)	Empress of Japan
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Jan. 22)	President Garfield
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21.	
Straits	Burdwan
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22.	
Manila	Asama Maru
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Jan. 29)	Pres. Lincoln
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24.	
Calcutta and Straits	Santhia
London (Parcels only, London, Jan. 14)	Mennon

## OUTWARD MAILS.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18.	
Japan	Atsuta Maru 3.30 p.m.
Samshui and Wuchow	Kong Ning 4 p.m.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19.	
Amoy	Tijbadak 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ching 1 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Tai Poo Sek 1.30 p.m.
Bangkok	Bintang 1.30 p.m.
Amoy	Kum Sang 5 p.m.
Tourane	Chung Kong 5 p.m.
Japan and *Canada	President Cleveland (Due Victoria, B.C., Mar. 8.)
	Parcels Feb. 19, 3 p.m.
	Registration Feb. 19, 4.15 p.m.
	Letters Feb. 19, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia.	President Cleveland
	Registration Feb. 19, 5 p.m.
	Letters Feb. 19, 6 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles	Hakusan Maru.
	(Due Marseilles March 19.)
	G.P.O.
Registration Feb. 19, 4.30 p.m.	Registration Feb. 19, 5.00 p.m.
Letters Feb. 19, 4.30 p.m.	Letters Feb. 19, 5.00 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & *Europe via Vancouver B.C.	Empress of Canada (Due Vancouver, B.C., Mar. 6 and *Europe via Siberia.)
	Parcels Feb. 19, 5 p.m.
	Registration Feb. 20, 9.15 a.m.
	Letters Feb. 20, 10 a.m.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island	Change (Due Thursday Island, Feb. 27.)
	Parcels Feb. 19, 5 p.m.
	Registration Feb. 20, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters Feb. 20, 10.30 a.m.

\*Superscribed correspondence only.

## ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Tuesday, February 16.	
Andre Lebon, French str., 7,394 tons, Capt. Sallans, from Saigon, Kowloon Wharf.—M.M. & Co.	
Prosper, Norwegian str., 1,377 tons, Capt. E. D. Knutsen, from Saigon, buoy No. A4.—Lee Fung Hang.	
Shun Lee, Chinese str., 949 tons, Capt. Miyaka, from Canton, buoy No. C2.—Yee Tai Hong.	
Tai Poo Sek, French str., 1,219 tons, Capt. M. Paul, from K. C. Wan, C.M.S.N. Wharf.—Wo Hop & Co.	
Tijbadak, Dutch str., 4,801 tons, Capt. Duit, from Tg. Pandan, buoy No. A7.—J.C.J.L.	
Unita, Norwegian str., 2,345 tons, Captain Messel, from Canton, East Point Anchorage.—Doddwell & Co.	
Wednesday, February 17.	
Eng Lee, Chinese str., 865 tons, Capt. Maki, from Canton, buoy No. C8.—Yee Tai Hong.	
Hozan Maru, Japanese str., 1,383 tons, Capt. T. Kawamata, from Swatow, O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.	
Hydrangea, British str., 561 tons, Captain P. W. Grierson, from Swatow, Chiu On Wharf.—Chiu On & Co.	
Koyasan Maru, Japanese str., 1,135 tons, Capt. Matsugaki, from Milke, buoy No. A14.—M.B.K.	
Lt. St. Loubert Ble, French str., 3,460 tons, Capt. Frilet, from Saigon, Kowloon Wharf.—M.M. & Co.	
Ninghai, British str., 1,482 tons, Captain A. H. Bathurst, from Canton, buoy No. B15.—B. & S.	

## CLEARANCES.

Wednesday, February 17.	
G.G. M. Long II, for H'phong.	
Kueichow, for Canton.	
Kwangtung, for Canton.	
Cremer, for Swatow.	
Rowena, for Canton.	
Phasianella, for Amoy.	
Templemead, for Whampoa.	
Danmark, for Yokohama.	
Helikon, for Saigon.	
Kwelyang, for Amoy.	
Unita, for C.W. Tao.	
Ninghai, for Saigon.	
Shengkang, for Shanghai.	
Shun Lee, for Tientsin.	
Apoei, for Singapore.	

## WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—  
Tamar—Basin.  
Marston—North wall.  
Bridgewater—North wall.  
Tarantula—South wall.  
Herald—East wall.  
Bruce—In dock.  
Pandora—In dock.  
Proteus—In dock.  
Hermes—No. 1 buoy.  
Medway & subs.—No. 2 buoy.  
Cumberland—No. 3 buoy.  
Cornflower—No. 8 buoy.  
Foreign Man-of-War.  
Mindanao—American river gun-boat.

## STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

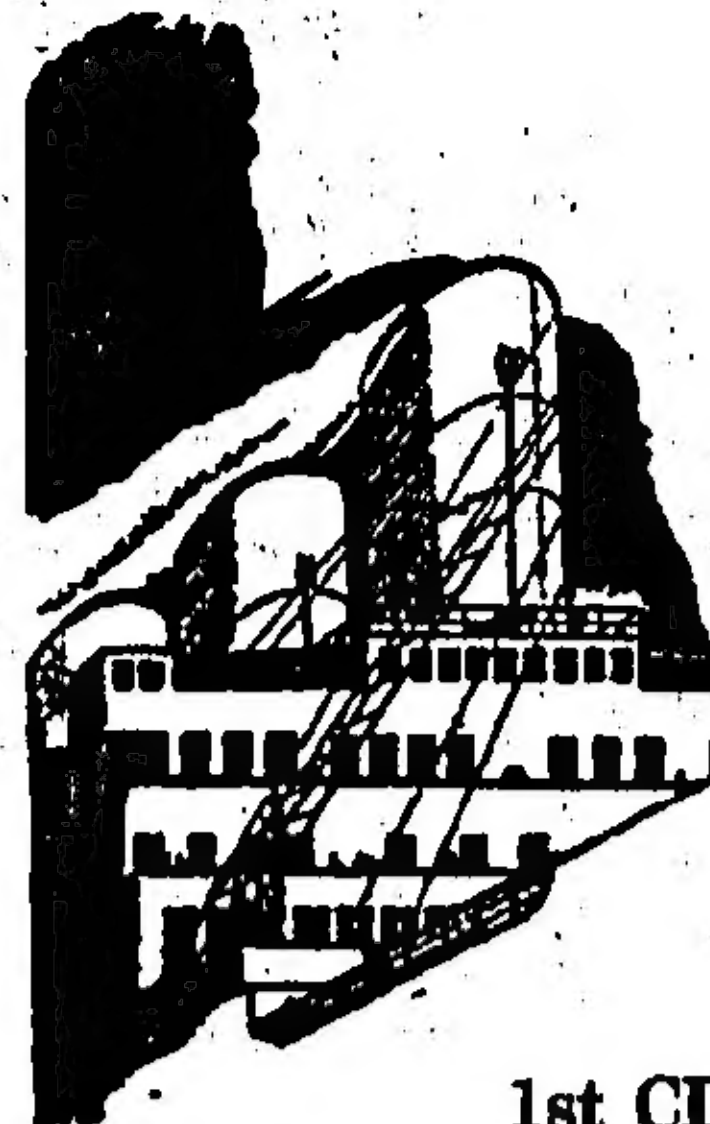
The P. & O. s.s. Burdwan left Singapore for this port on February 16 at 4 p.m., and is due here on February 21 at about 6 a.m.  
The Ben Line s.s. Bencluch from Middlebro, London and Straits left Singapore for this port on February 17, and is due to arrive here on February 22.

## HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 120 deg. E.; 00h. is midnight, 12h. is noon. The heights are referred to the datum of the largest scale Admiralty chart of the place and should be added to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (\*), when they should be subtracted from the depths.

February 18 to 23, 1932.

Date	High Water	Low Water
	Standard Ht.	Standard Ht.
	H. M. P.	H. M. P.
Thurs. 18	15 10 4.1	01 24 1.4
Fri. 19	09 59 8.5	05 05 0.5
	19 19 6.9	12 20 2.6
Sat. 20	08 55 4.1	02 44 0.4
	20 10 7.5	12 20 2.4
Sun. 21	10 13 4.5	03 22 0.1
	20 55 7.5	12 12 0.1
Mon. 22	09 58 4.9	02 45 0.5
	20 45 7.5	12 10 2.5
Tues. 23	09 45 5.2	02 30 0.3
	21 25 7.5	12 14 2.5
Wed. 24	10 10 5.5	02 51 0.9
	22 25 8.5	12 45 1.5



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Emp. of Canada Feb. 20 Feb. 23	Mar. 7 Mar. 10	Mar. 8 Mar. 11	Mar. 10 Mar. 13	Mar. 12 Mar. 15	Mar. 17 Mar. 20	Mar. 21 Mar. 24
Emp. of Russia Mar. 4 Mar. 7	Mar. 8 Mar. 11	Mar. 10 Mar. 13	Mar. 12 Mar. 15	Mar. 17 Mar. 20	Mar. 21 Mar. 24	Mar. 25 Mar. 28
Emp. of Japan Mar. 15 Mar. 18	Mar. 20 Mar. 23	Mar. 22 Mar. 25	Mar. 24 Mar. 27	Mar. 28 Mar. 31	Apr. 2 Apr. 5	Apr. 8 Apr. 11
Emp. of Asia Mar. 25 Mar. 28	Mar. 29 Mar. 31	Apr. 2 Apr. 5	Apr. 7 Apr. 10	Apr. 12 Apr. 15	Apr. 17 Apr. 20	Apr. 22 Apr. 25
Emp. of Canada Apr. 8 Apr. 11	Apr. 13 Apr. 16	Apr. 18 Apr. 21	Apr. 23 Apr. 26	Apr. 28 Apr. 31	May 3 May 6	May 9 May 12

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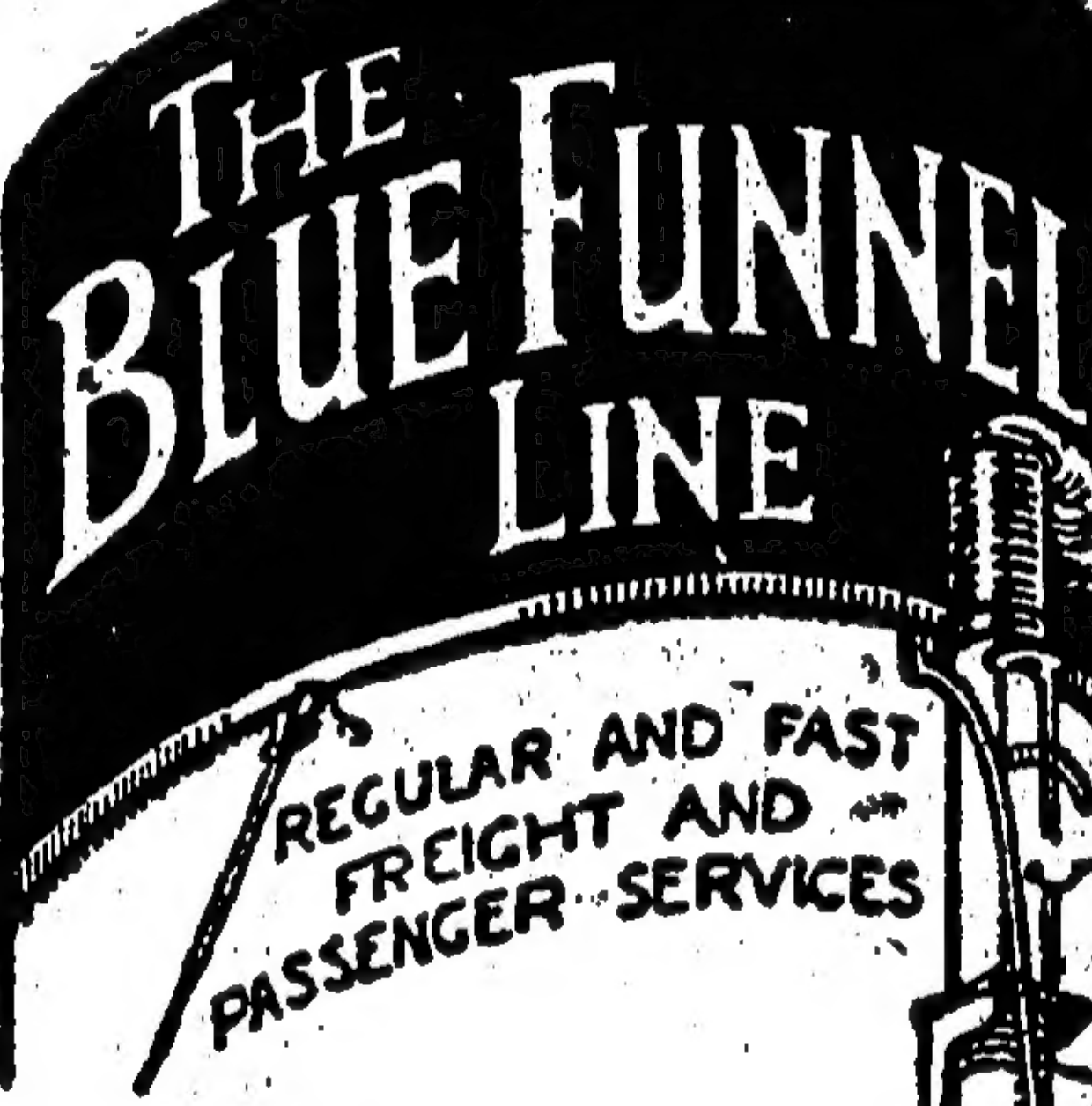
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*SOUDAN	6,800	5th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Havre, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
CARTHAGE	15,000	12th Mar.	Marseilles & London.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	20th Mar.	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
*BURDWAN	6,500	2nd Apr.	Marseilles & London.
CORFU	15,000	9th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	23rd Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANPURA	17,000	7th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*SOMALI	6,800	14th May	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
CHITRAL	15,000	21st May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANCHI	17,000	4th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*BANGALORE	6,500	11th June	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
NALDERA	16,000	18th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
KAISAR-I-HIND	12,000	2nd July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	16th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
MANTUA	11,000	30th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*SOUDAN	6,800	6th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	13th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANPURA	17,000	27th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
MAIWA	11,000	10th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.

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## SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN.

S.S.	Tons	From Hong Kong About	Destination.
*BURDWAN	6,500	22nd Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
SANTHIA	8,000	28th Feb.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	26th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*MIRZAPORE	6,700	4th Mar.	Moji & Kobe.
NANKIN	7,000	7th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*KASHGAR	9,000	10th Mar.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
TALMA	10,000	11th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
CORFU	15,000	11th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	24th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
A STEAMER	—	25th Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
NELLORE	7,000	4th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe, Osaka & Yama.
*BOMALI	8,800	5th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
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A STEAMER	—	8th Apr.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
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### CAT REFUSES TO COME ASHORE.

The 21,000-ton White Star liner Cedric sailed from Liverpool recently for Burnt Island, Fifeshire, where she is to be broken up. The Cedric, which was sold to a Sheffield firm of shipbrokers for £22,150, was built 29 years ago.

During the war the Cedric was converted into the flagship of the Tenth Cruiser Squadron, and patrolled northern seas, intercepting neutral vessels carrying contraband. One of her most exciting Atlantic crossings was in May, 1929, when she dodged icebergs for 18 hours in a fog. One iceberg toppled over within 30 yards of her stern, while passengers were able to throw pieces of bread to seals on a smaller berg.

Although the Cedric will never

again be seen in the Mersey there was one "member" of the crew that refused to leave her "floating home." This was Doodles, the Cedric's cat, which has been sea-faring for the past five years. During the last few days efforts have been made to induce her to abandon ship, but she has successfully evaded capture. All her old haunts have been carefully watched, but Doodles sensed that something strange was happening and concealed herself in a less-frequented part of the ship. She was last seen by a former member of the Cedric's crew who wanted to adopt the ship's pet, but Doodles had different ideas about remaining on shore, and whether she will return to Liverpool to become the pet of another White Star liner remains to be seen.

### THE FUTURE OF BIG LINERS.

The situation created by the decision to cease work on the 73,000-ton Cunarder on the Clyde raises once again the question whether the building of these mammoth vessels is economic or desirable, or represents a search after prestige which, if not wholly successful, may have a serious reaction. In France and in Italy such liners are being built and in America they are projected, but in all these instances definite government assistance is afforded, so that the case of the Cunard Co. stands alone, comparable only with that of the owners of the Europa and Bremen, who during their construction were not overtaken by any of the troubles with which we are now faced.

When it is stated that the new Cunarder will cost well over £5,000,000, and that insurance, depreciation and interest charges would absorb £750,000 annually, or more than £2,000 a day, it will more readily be realized that the problem of making these mammoth liners pay without any artificial aid is one of some magnitude. It seems, therefore, that there will now be a trend towards the smaller liner, and particularly the cabin class ship. Its advantage—and it is certainly one which will be maintained for the next ten years—is amply illustrated in the success of vessels of this type during the past year or two. The White Star liner Britannic has, we believe, carried across the Atlantic in both directions a larger number of passengers, proportionately, since June of 1930 than any other ship on the route, whilst the Lafayette has been one of the most popular passenger liners among American travellers. Both of these are motor ships and of the cabin class, and it is significant that the two new liners for the South American service, which the Cunard Co. are building, the Neptunia and Eridania, are to be cabin liners; the introduction of these, in the P. and O. service (al-

though steamers in this case, has also proved successful. All the vessels in question are between 20,000 tons and 27,000 tons gross, with machinery of not more than 20,000 s.h.p., and these represent installation well within the immediate and practical scope of internal-combustion plant, which as, indeed, been more widely employed on intermediate passenger liners than geared turbines. —Motor Ship.

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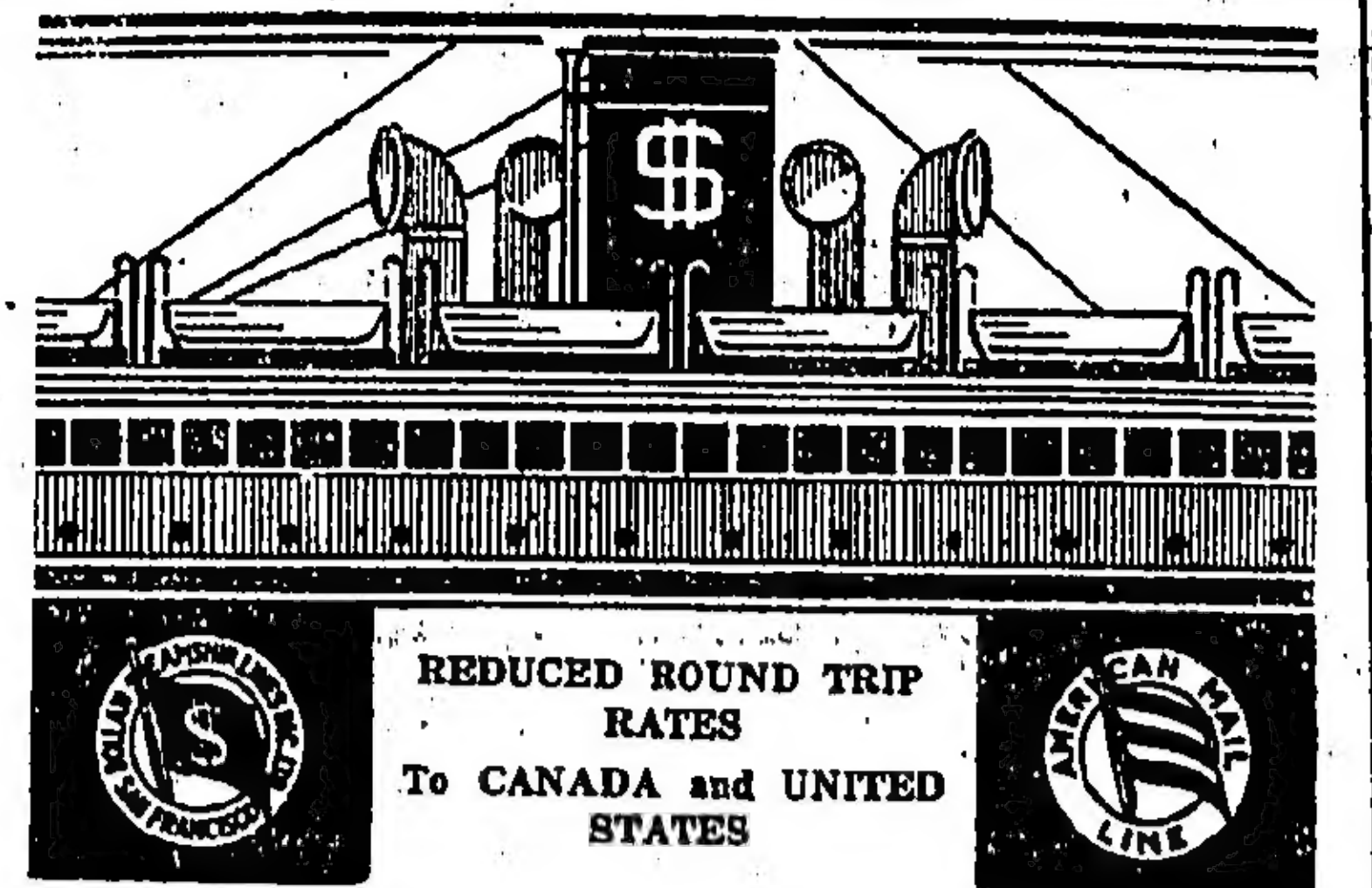
Departures.  
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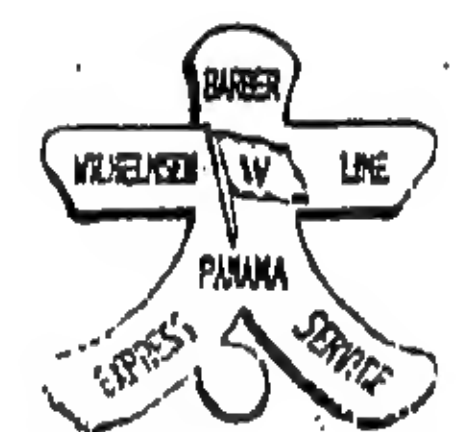
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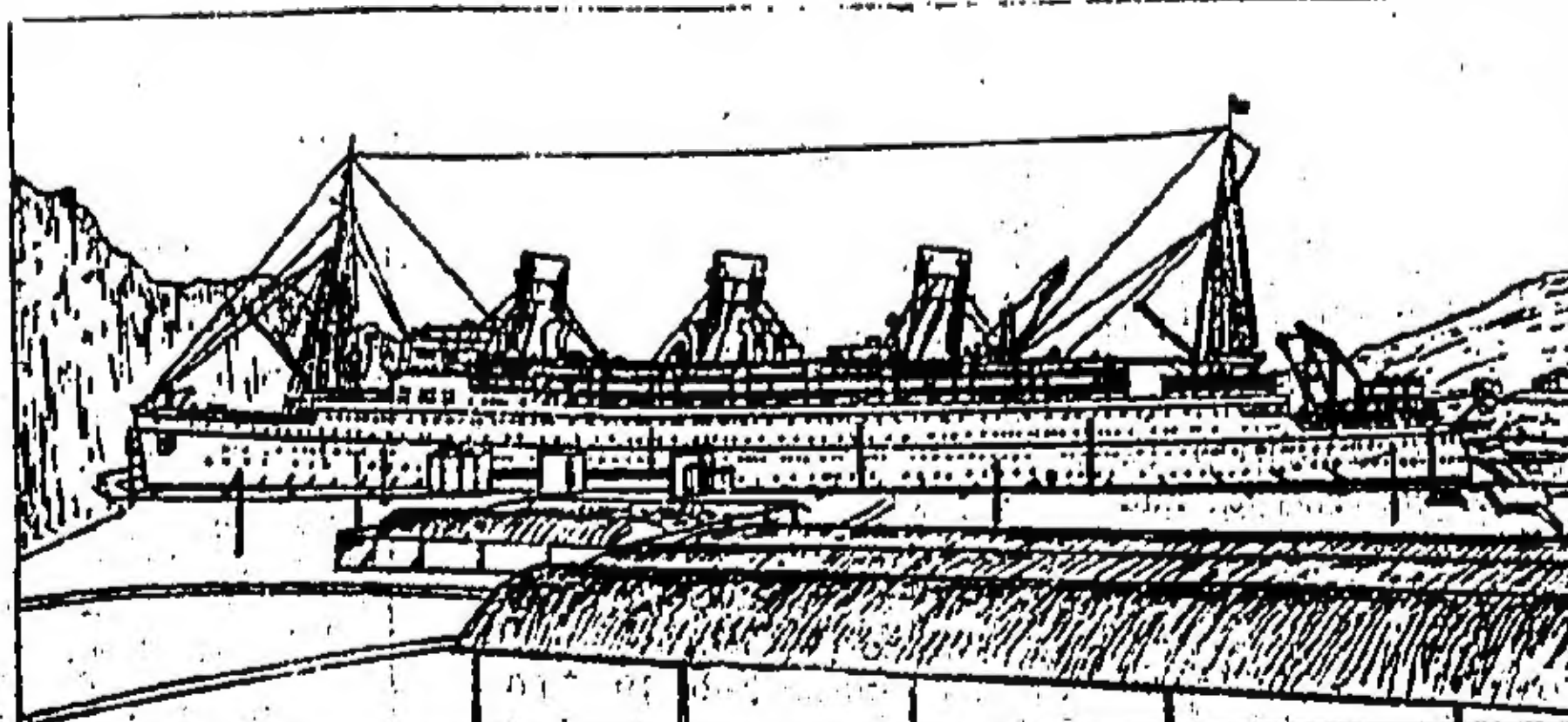
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## SOME BRITISH CARS FOR 1932

One of the most outstanding of the new cars is the Twelve-Six, which is listed as a saloon only. The engine of this car is a six-cylinder side-valve, with dimensions of 59 x 90 m.m., and cubic capacity of 1,476 c.c. The Treasury rating is 12.95 h.p. Ignition is by coil and distributor, and cooling by thermo-siphon, fan assisted.

A four-speed gearbox with central control is employed and has a silent third speed, or, as the manufacturers term it, a "Hi-Lo" alternative top. Suspension is by long semi-elliptic springs encased in leather gaiters, the rear springs being underslung, shock absorbers are supplied all round. The tank is mounted at the rear of the chassis, and is fitted with a two-way tap controlling a reserve supply. The specification includes chromium plating to all bright fittings, Triplex screen, leather upholstery, adjustable front seats, a trip speedometer, windscreen wiper, ventilators, etc. Following the usual Singer practice, the body, which gives ample accommodation in both compartments, is of the six-light genuine coachbuilt type, highly finished in cellulose.

Next amongst the new models comes the Eighteen-Six. This has dimensions of 69.5 x 90 m.m., and a capacity of 2,050 c.c. The Treasury rating is 17.9 h.p. As in the case of the Twelve-Six, side-by-side valves are employed. The body is particularly luxurious, and is standardised with a

patient sliding roof and Triplex glass all round. Like the Twelve-Six, and indeed, every model of the Singer range, the new Eighteen-Six has a four-speed gear-box with a "Hi-Lo" alternative top.

The new Silent Six has the same bore as the Eighteen-Six (and, therefore, the same tax), but its longer stroke of 95 m.m. provides a total cubic capacity of 2,180 c.c. The engine is of the overhead valve type, push rod operated, and a seven-bearing crankshaft fitted with a vibration damper is employed. The pistons are of special aluminium alloy, and the connecting rods of duralumin.

The long semi-elliptic springs are encased in gaiters, the rear springs being underslung, and, as in the case of the Eighteen-Six, are damped by Luvax hydraulic double acting shock absorbers front and rear.

The most luxurious of the Singer range is the Kaye Don saloon. This has a chassis similar to that of the Silent-Six, but bodywork of extremely handsome and advanced design, for which Mr. Kaye Don, working in conjunction with the company's engineers, has been responsible.

A sloping "V"-shaped screen is used, and the visor peak is rounded off neatly. The same sweep is carried out on the radiator nose, the filler cap being found beneath the bonnet.

Turning to the smaller Singers, the famous Junior is continued for 1932 with many improvements. Much increased power has been obtained from the engine, which, as in the past, is

of the overhead cam-shaft type. Full forced feed lubrication is provided, and the four-speed gearbox has now a silent third gear. The brake mechanism has been re-designed and improved, and a new type radiator has been fitted. A sturdier frame gives lower body mounting, with a corresponding lower centre of gravity.

Although the Junior may well be said to be a full-sized car, its engine is rated at 7.78 h.p.

An altogether new car of extremely striking lines is the Junior "Special." In the main, this has the same chassis specification as the standard model, but the engine dimensions are increased — 60 x 86 m.m., Treasury rating, 8.93 h.p. This provides a big increase in power output. The bodywork is very attractive indeed, being a replica of the larger Kaye Don saloon. With its powerful engine and very advanced lines, this new model will undoubtedly prove very popular.

The last of the four-cylinder Singers is the now well-known 10 h.p. car which was introduced for the first time at the Olympia Show last year. It has been improved in many respects, chief amongst which may be mentioned the inclusion of a silent third gear, and very much more powerful engine.

### Triumph.

An entirely new 9 h.p. car, four-door bodies on Super Sevens and a range of fine cars at very attractive prices are the three outstanding features of the 1932 Triumphs.

With its four-speed gearbox, overhead inlet valve engine with three-bearing crankshaft, and Treasury rating of 8.9 h.p. only, the new Super Nine is a very at-

tractive proposition. Other items of its specification are semi-elliptic springs all round with silentbloc bushes, underslung worm drive and a rear mounted petrol tank.

A four-door, six-light coach-built saloon body is fitted on two models. This gives ample accommodation for four persons and is of very handsome appearance.

### The Super Sevens.

Two different types of the well-known Super Seven Triumph are offered for 1932—open cars and saloons. The chassis of the former is generally similar to that of the 1931 series and the bodies retain all their special features as regards both comfort and appearance.

New features of the saloons' chassis include semi-elliptic springs all round with silentbloc bushes and a rear mounted petrol tank with autovac feed and 2-way tap.

### The Six-Cylinder Scorpion.

This small six-cylinder, which made its appearance at last year's Olympia Show, has been improved in many respects, whilst at the same time the prices have been materially reduced.

Three types are listed — a 2/4 seater de luxe, a four-door coach-built saloon and a de luxe model with four-speed gearbox. All round improvements include increase of the track and wheel base to 3ft. 7½ in. and 7ft. 6¼ in. respectively, a rear mounted tank and semi-elliptic springs with silentbloc bushes and Luvax hydraulic shock absorbers.

In addition to its four-speed gearbox, the de luxe saloon is standardised with a sliding roof, spring bumpers, safety glass all round and real hide upholstery.

## ADVENTURES OF A MORRIS VAN

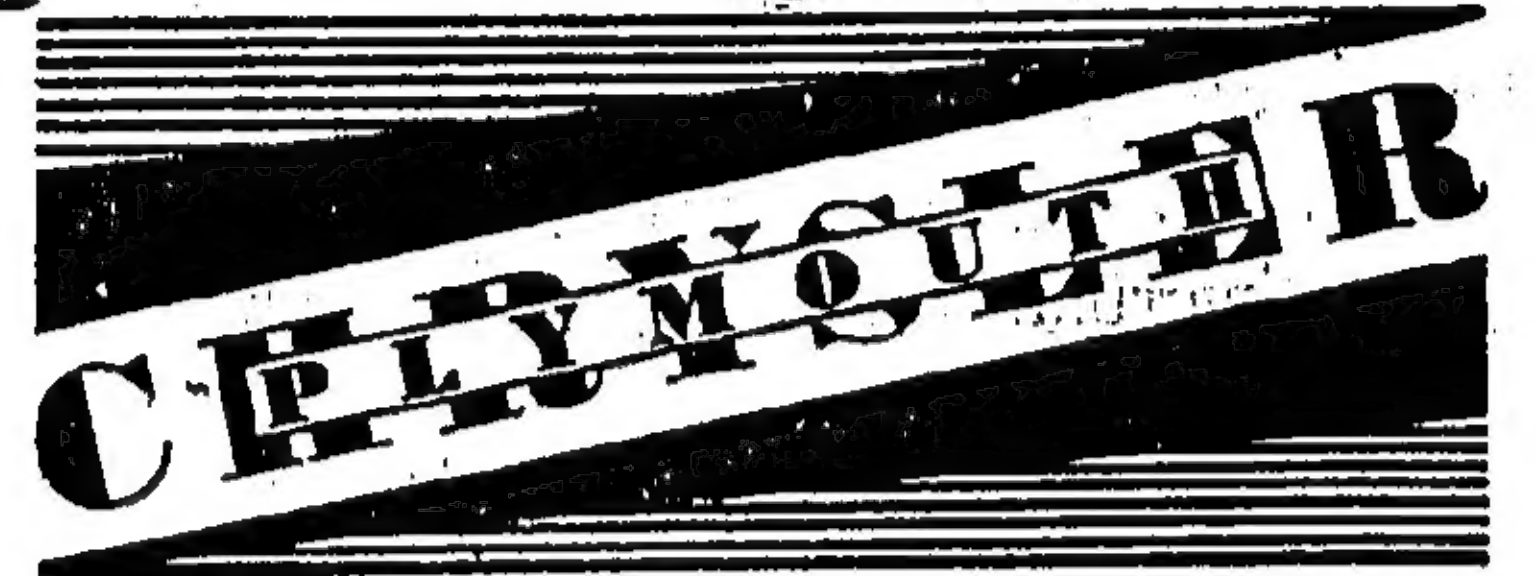
Messrs. F. H. Pitman & Co., Ltd., of Lahore, India, recently acquired a Morris Minor 5 cwt. van, which has since completed a 3,000 mile tour of the North-West Frontier, visiting the districts of Rawalpindi, Nowshera, Peshawar, Kohat, Risalpur, Mardan, Charsadda, Malakand, Dargal, Fort Salop, Cherat, Landi Kotal, Hangu, Thal, Khajuri Plain, Bannu, Razmak, and Razmak Narai.

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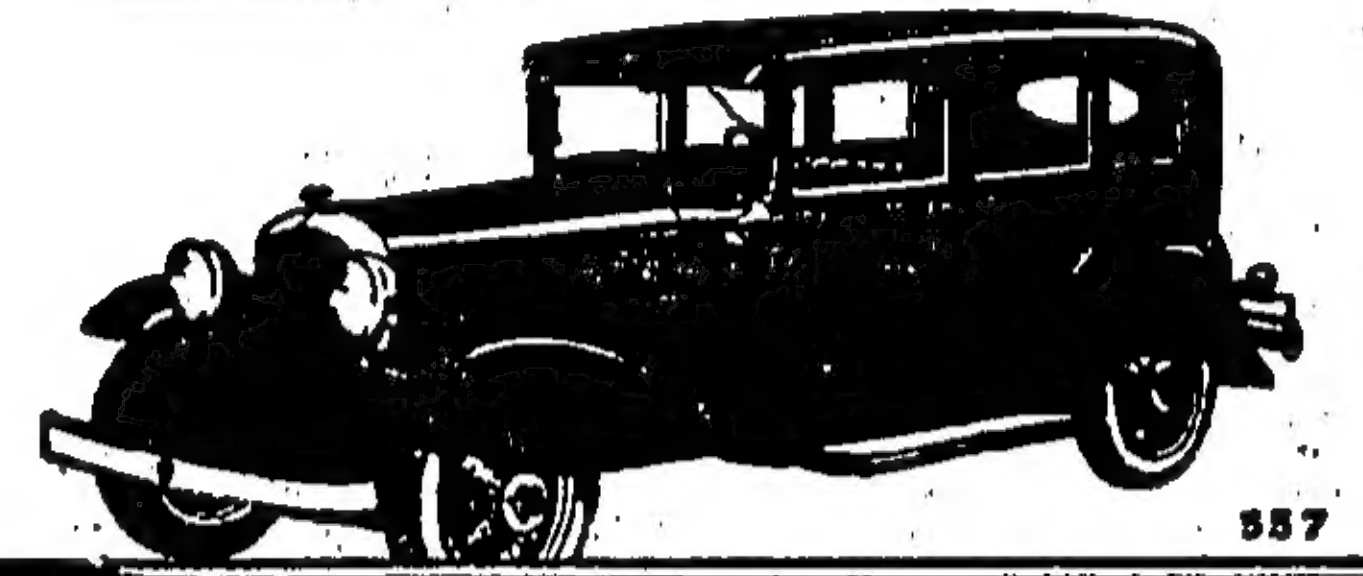
"Rather an amusing incident occurred when some miles from Thal, just after rounding one of the sharp hairpin bends, up a steep gradient, the driver was confronted with four Afridi tribesmen. He naturally thought he was in for trouble, but all these fellows wanted was a lift to Thal. The impossibility of fitting four large-sized

Afridis in a van of this size, already fully laden, was beyond their comprehension, and it was some time before the driver managed to convince them, and was able to proceed on his way to Thal. Quite often on the road between Risalpur and Malakand stones were thrown, but the road being flat and a good surface, a speed of 50 m.p.h. was kept up for miles until Malakand was safely reached.

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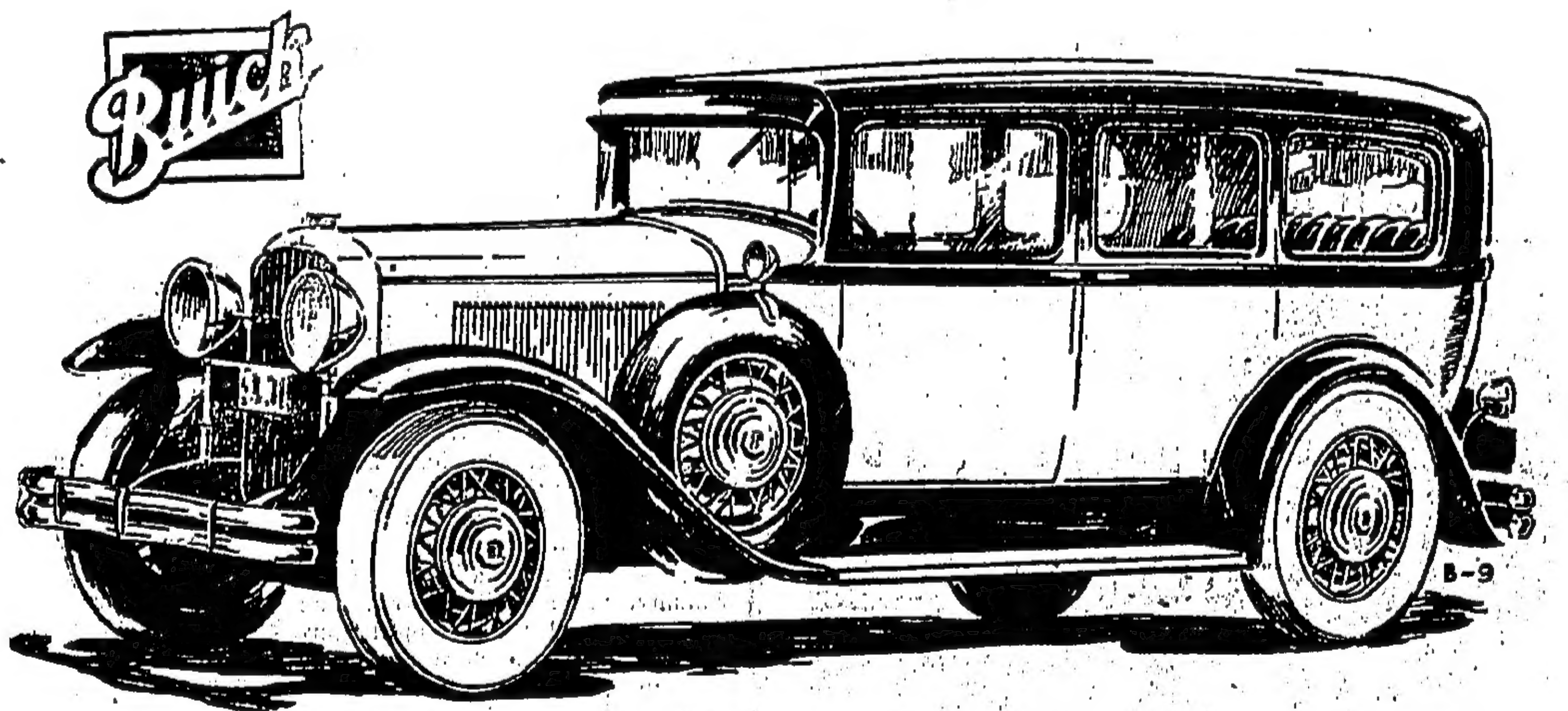
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### LOST AT SEA. Chinese Disappears on Way from Shanghai. MAN FROM VANCOUVER.

Before the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph H. Kemp, K.C.) in the Supreme Court, this morning, Mr. Leo d'Almada, jun., made application on behalf of a Chinese woman, named Cheung Shi, for leave to swear the death of her husband, Lam Tak-wo, alias Lam Nui, for the purpose of getting letters of administration of his estate.

Counsel read the affidavit of Ching Hing, formerly a cook at the Boston Cafe, Vancouver, B.C. In this affidavit, Ching said that he left Vancouver to return to his home in Kwongtung on September 9, 1931. On board the ship he met Lam Tak-wo, who was also a passenger, and got into conversation with him. He was informed by Lam that the latter was in business in Vancouver. Ching recognised a photograph as that of the man whom he had met on the ship and knew as Lam.

**Reported Missing.**  
Proceeding, Ching said, in his affidavit, that at 9.30 a.m. on October 14, when the ship was 1½ days out of Shanghai, he was having a meal, when another Chinese passenger, who occupied the same table as Lam, informed him (Ching) that Lam was missing and had not been seen for several hours. They carried out a search for the missing man, which proved to be fruitless. A report was then made to the Captain, who ordered a further search which was also without result. Then the Captain directed that an inventory of the missing man's property be taken.

Ching's affidavit stated further that a roll call was made on the ship after leaving Vancouver and at every port during the voyage, the last being on October 15, when the ship arrived at Hong Kong. Lam was present at every roll call excepting the last in Hong Kong.

**Ship's Captain's Affidavit.**  
An affidavit by Captain T. R. Ireland, of the s.s. Tyndareus, was also read by Counsel. In this the Captain said that the ship left Vancouver on September 8.

Here Counsel pointed out that there was a difference in the date of departure from Vancouver in the affidavits of Ching Hing and Captain Ireland, but submitted that the point was not an important one.

Proceeding with the Captain's affidavit, Counsel said that the Captain deposed that Lam was last seen alive at 2.30 a.m. on October 14. At that time there was a strong monsoon and a heavy sea was running, and he believed that Lam had either fallen or jumped overboard, and was drowned. The Captain also spoke as to a fruitless search for the missing man on board, and the taking of an inventory of his belongings.

**Leave Granted.**  
His Lordship said that the affidavits read were sufficient to justify him to grant leave to swear the death of Lam, and the only remaining question was that of date.

Mr. d'Almada suggested that leave should be granted to swear

### U.S. & INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENT. Questions of Damages and Japanese Troops.

Washington, Yesterday.  
The possible claim for damages, which may arise, if the Sino-Japanese clash involves the International Settlement, has been the subject of informal discussions for more than a week between Japanese officials and the State Departments. It is emphasised that the U.S. Government does not object to the quartering in the International Settlement of such Japanese troops as are necessary for the protection of Japanese lives and property, but object to the use of the International Settlement as a base for attacks on Chinese territory. —Reuter's American Service.

### FIRING OF SHELLS.

**Japanese Assurance.**  
The Japanese are said to have assured the Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet that firing of shells into the sector of the International Settlement at Shanghai, held by American marines, will be stopped. —Reuter's American Service.

### SERIOUS MOTOR SMASH.

#### Duce's Sister and Nieces Injured.

(Reuter's Special Service).

Milan, Yesterday.  
Two of Mussolini's nieces were seriously injured to-day in a motor smash which occurred near Lake Maggiore.

The Duce's Sister, who was also in the car, was slightly hurt.

### SUING A MOTHER.

What Mr. Justice Swift Would Do.

Summing up to a jury in the King's Bench Division in a case arising out of a collision between two motor-cars, Mr. Justice Swift said:

"I cannot understand people coming into court and saying, 'We did not sue the driver of the car we were in because he happened to be our brother.' If I were in a car with my brother and was injured because of his negligence I should sue him."

"Whether the person is a brother or mother, or however near and dear the relative may be, what objection can there be to suing them? Everyone in 1932 has to be insured under the Road traffic Act. It is a criminal offence not to be."

death as having occurred "in the month of October, 1931." He added that there was no doubt that ample time had elapsed for Lam to turn up if he had been saved.

His Lordship concurred and granted leave in the form as suggested by Counsel.

### ALLEGED BRIBERY. Accused Still Away Fishing.

CASE GOES TO MARCH ASSIZES.

The case in which two fishermen, Lam Hoi-yip and Lam Hoi-ko are charged with offering a bribe of \$50 to Police Inspector G. A. Stimson, at Aldrich Bay, Shauiwan, was again mentioned before the Police Judge (Mr. Justice R. E. Lindell) at the Assizes, this morning, when the accused were again absent.

Mr. Hin-shing Lo, Counsel for the defence, said that the two men evidently were still out at sea fishing and had not yet returned, and, in the circumstances, he was obliged to ask for a further adjournment of the case, to the next Assizes. He emphasised that it was not likely that the men would jump their bail.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Assistant Crown Solicitor, agreed to the men's bail being respited until the next Assizes, and his Lordship accordingly granted an adjournment to the March Assizes.

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territorial integrity and existing political independence of all members of the League. It is their friendly right to direct attention to this provision, particularly as it appears to them to follow that no invasion of territorial integrity, and no change in political independence of any member of the League brought about in disregard of this Article, ought to be recognised as valid and effectual by members of the League.

Japan has an incalculable responsibility before the public opinion of the world to be just and restrained in her relations with China. She has already acknowledged this responsibility in most solemn terms by becoming one of the signatories of the Nine Power Treaty whereby the contracting powers expressly agreed to respect the sovereignty, independence and territorial and administrative integrity of China.

The twelve members of the Council appeal to Japan's high sense of honour to recognise the obligations of her special position and the confidence which the nations have placed in her as a partner in the organisation and maintenance of peace. —British Wireless Service.

### LADY SIMON INTERVIEWS HER HUSBAND.

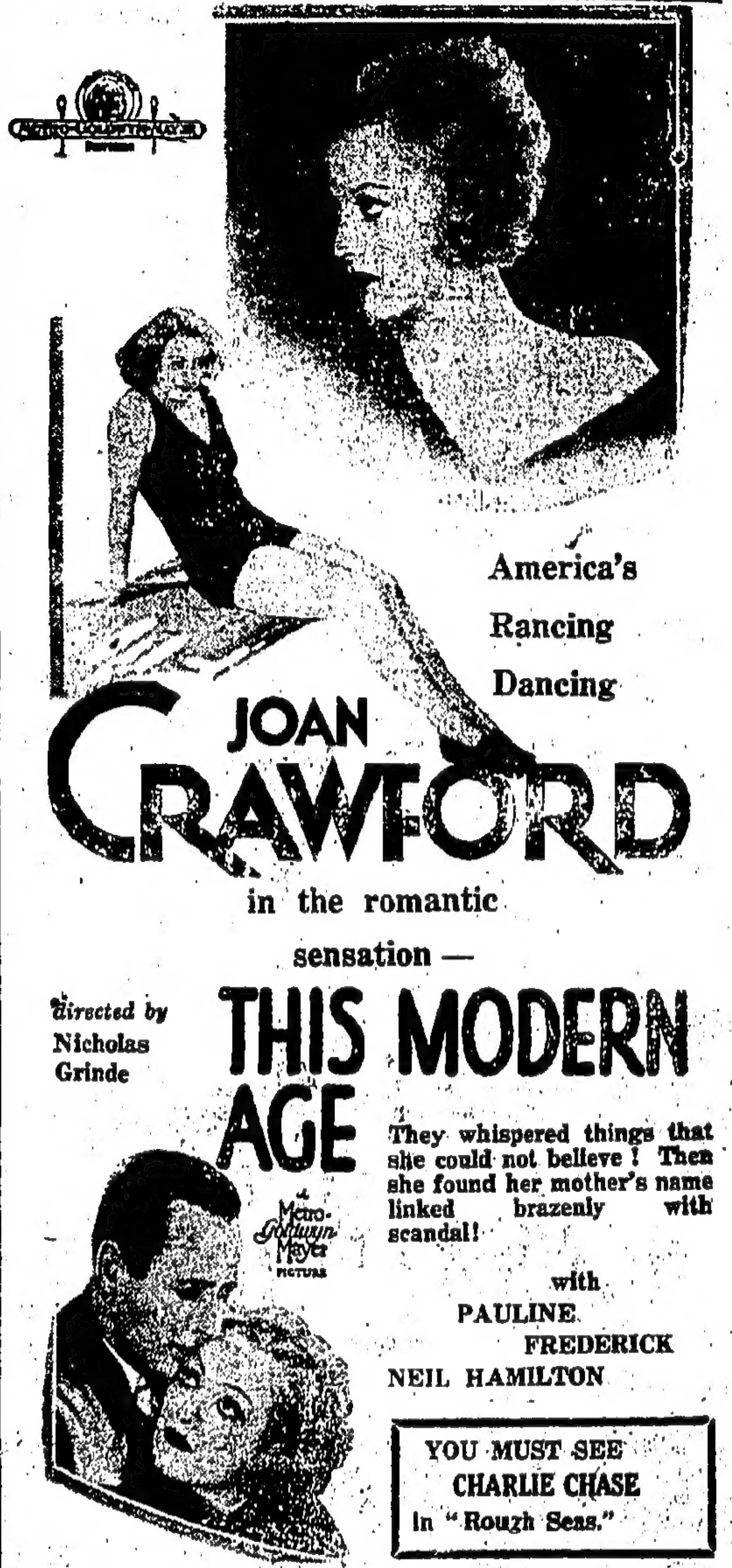
Sir John Simon, the Foreign Secretary, granted an interview to his wife recently.

Lady Simon was a member of a deputation from the Anti-Slavery and Aborigines Protection Society who visited the Foreign Office to discuss with Sir John questions relating to the welfare of native races. Lady Simon's work on behalf of the slaves still existing in the world is well known. Her book "Slavery" revealed many little-known facts about the plight of oppressed people in various parts of the world.

"The Foreign Secretary received us very nicely," Lady Simon told a reporter. "On the points which were raised he promised that he would do his best."

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